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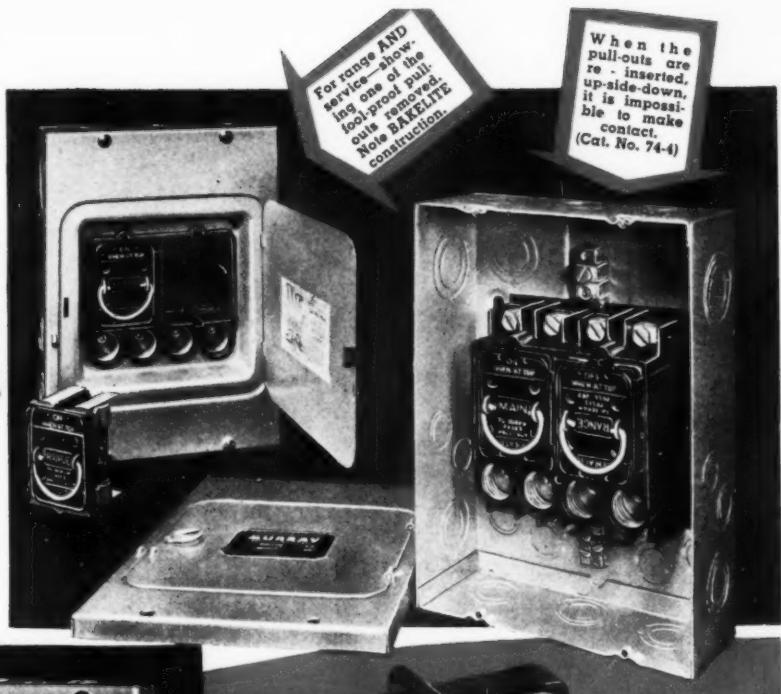
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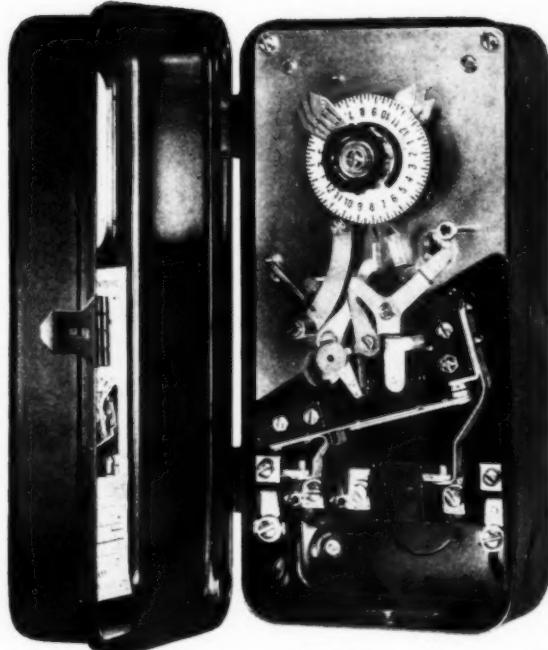


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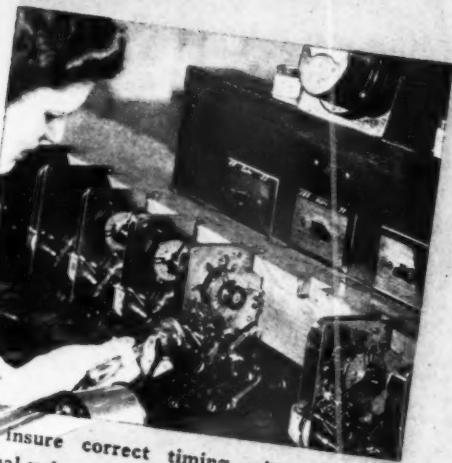
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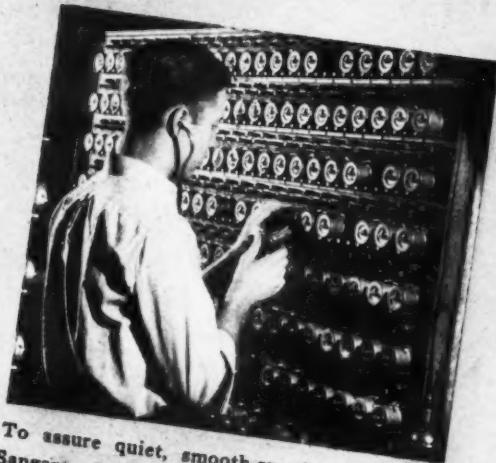
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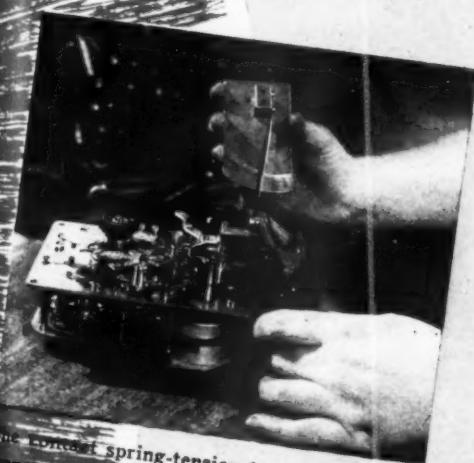
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Where these power losses are occurring and how they can be corrected—this is the information industrial plants need. And you can give it to them by making a wiring survey.



# Electrical Contracting

OCTOBER, 1939

## And More Fun

IF ALL THE ELECTRICAL CONVENTIONS I have attended since 1905 were laid end to end—I'd hate to be around. But I close my eyes and look back and there they are. Contractors, wholesalers, manufacturers, power company men—sitting in meetings, expounding, arguing, waving their hands.

MY FIRST ONE WAS IN DENVER. It was the old NELA, and two things I remember. Against all tradition, for the first time they talked for a whole session about selling. It was historic! And the other thing? Well, at the rodeo, the black horse broke the cowboy's leg.

WHAT HAS COME OUT OF THIS BIG TALK? In my opinion, almost everything that's happened in the development of the electrical industry since then, has come out of it. For that's the way we've found our leaders. That's the way we've passed our good ideas around.

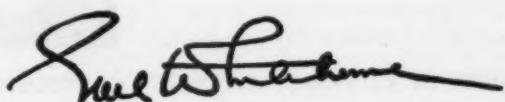
A MAN WORKING ALONE can only do small local things. So nothing much is accomplished. But he goes to a meeting and tells about it. Then other men take his experience, help him improve it, and apply it widely in a bigger way. Soon the one man idea matures and becomes powerful and everybody benefits.

WITH THAT DENVER MEETING IN MY MIND, I am intrigued by the fact that the NECA Convention, in Philadelphia this month, will also be definitely focussed on selling. Again this is historic. For contractors are still neglecting this part of their business. Perhaps this convention may start this old idea really rolling with us at last.

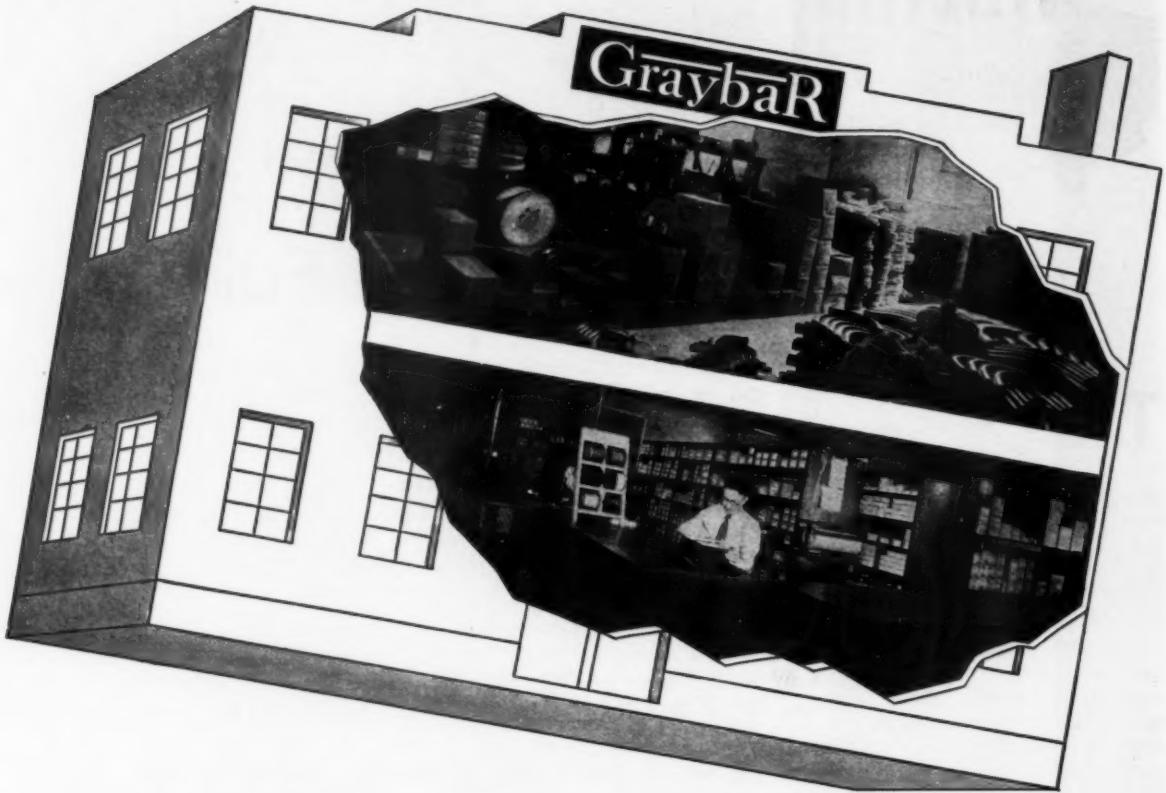
LABOR RELATIONS WILL BE ANOTHER MAJOR THEME at this convention—a vital issue. But there's a selling edge to this as well. It is scheduled for discussion. For selling motivates all branches of a business today. And no contractor can hope to prosper in his work without doing it well.

MEN WHO NEGLECT THEIR SELLING, most of them, make a very simple mistake. They get the notion that selling means wasting time going around asking people to buy. That is not even the tail on this kite. Selling really means having a plan, a policy, a program, a spirit and a purpose that makes your business more interesting, active, successful —more fun.

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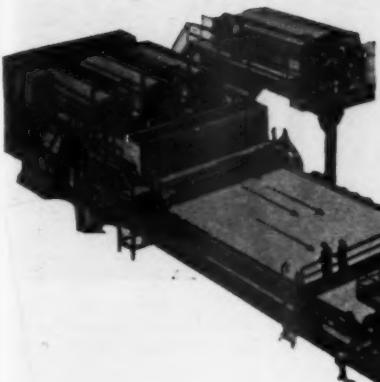


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THE Keller-Pike Company has just connected 97 motors and 4100 horsepower to serve one machine. Here is an outstanding example of the modern trend towards high specialization of power for modern machinery. But this unit, by the time it is running and making money, will cost several million dollars. It is worth all the pampering it can be given.

The jump from the old system of using one motor to run any man's factory through line shafting, to the 6 or 12 motors found on present day machine tools, was a big accomplishment. But this is something else. It is an ultra-modern super-service to a machine; a deliberate marshalling of power auxiliaries to a production machine unit to increase its output and efficiency.

This machine, recently installed by the Scott Paper Company, manufacturers of the famous "Scottissue" products, at their Chester plant, grinds out paper toweling. As if by magic, wet pulp, fed into the jowls of the machine at one end, emerges 240 feet away, as the soft crepe tissue toweling, so familiar to all of us. Two grades of these towels can be produced by this same unit.

This production giant, 240-ft. long, 23-ft. wide, 22-ft. high and weighing 600 tons, required a special building to house it. The basement of this 270-ft. building contains all the auxiliary equipment, including pumps, compressors, motor generator sets, motor controls and conduit runs. Only one control panel and a few main drive motors are on the first floor. Main service feeders, exhaust fans and controls are in the attic.

The functional operations of the 97 motors include: wet pulp beaters, large pulp grinding machinery, main dryer

## SUPER-SERVICE to a Machine

When 97 motors totaling 4100 horsepower are put to work to run one machine, it's a good job for some contractor. Here are the details on a recent installation that did just this for the Scott Paper Company, just out of Philadelphia.

By Howard R. Martin

Vice President, Keller-Pike Company, Philadelphia

drives, motor-generator sets, frequency changer, agitators, pumping equipment, air compressors, exhaust fans, blowers and small auxiliary equipment. These electrical accessories are organized and installed as follows:

### Service

Power comes in and is distributed at 550 volts, 3 phase, 60 cycle, from the private power plant of the Scott Paper Co. A "floating" tie-in with the Philadelphia Electric Company is maintained to help handle the plant peak load.

Three 6-inch transite ducts carry the main service feeders over a steel trestle to the new machine building. This trestle is grounded by a bare copper conductor clamped along its entire length. One feeder of six 500,000 cm r.c. cables carries the 600 kw. motor generator set. A second feeder of six 500,000 cm r.c. cables serves the pulp preparation machinery panel. A third feeder of nine 500,000 cm r.c. cables feeds two power distribution panels which control the balance of the motors in the building.

### Sub-Distribution

The sub-distribution system consists of three main power panels, which control the large motors direct, and a number of starter groups through sub-feeders. These starter banks, ranging in size from 2 to 20 starters, control all of the smaller motors serving the towel machine by individual circuits.

A starter rack contains an ammeter, or load indicator, a disconnect switch and a magnetic starter with a push button control for each individual motor circuit. All circuit and control conduit is run down through the floor along the basement ceiling and up to the motors, thus keeping all conduit out of sight on the main floor.

### D.C. Main Drive and Control

To obtain the greatest possible flexibility of speed control on the main drive of the machine, direct current motors were used. The direct current was obtained from a 600 kw. 250 v. d.c. motor-generator set driven by a 750 hp. synchronous motor. One 300 kw. d.c. generator was coupled to each end of the synchronous motor shaft.



On the first floor, two 300 hp. d.c. motors drive the main dryer drums, one at the wet and one at the dry end of the machine. These motors are controlled by a main d.c. control board adjacent to the m.g. set in the basement and an auxiliary control panel on the first floor.

Speed control of these main drive motors is obtained through motor operated resistance banks on the main d.c. panelboard. These banks are electrically connected to tachometers on the d.c. motors. Synchronization of the d.c. motors is important to prevent a break in the continuous line of paper passing over the dryer drums. Pilot generators are used to synchronize the speeds of these two motors.

#### A.C. Auxiliary Control

All control cubicles for the synchronous motors are located in the basement, out of the way of the operating crew. This is true also of the main d.c. and a.c. power panels and starter banks. The only controls on

the main floor are the auxiliary d.c. panel and push button stations to control the a.c. motors.

Push button stations, in general, are vapor proof because of the humidity and water present in the paper processing. Electronic control is employed to signal the operators if the paper breaks. Two electric eyes are focused on the 15 foot width of the paper, one at the wet and one at the dry end of the machine. If the paper breaks, these electric eyes blow a horn which warns the operators to shut down the motors.

Most of the motors are controlled by one or more push buttons located at convenient points along the machine structure. This is in addition to the controls at the starters. Fan motors in the attic can be shut down from the first floor by stop buttons. But they must be started at the motor in the attic.

This was arranged deliberately to insure proper maintenance of the fans, since they are checked each time they are started. These fans exhaust the heat dissipated by the numerous steam filled dryer drums.

#### Auxiliary Equipment

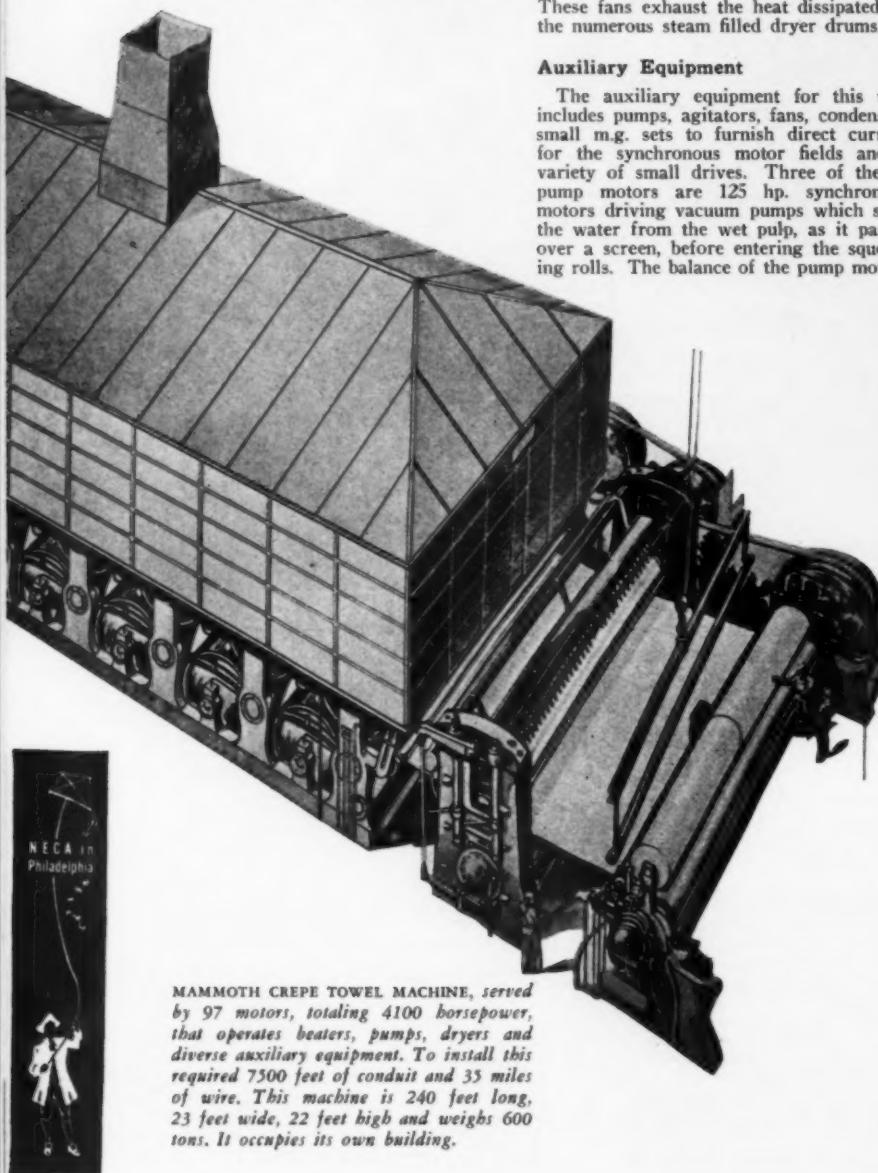
The auxiliary equipment for this unit includes pumps, agitators, fans, condensers small m.g. sets to furnish direct current for the synchronous motor fields and a variety of small drives. Three of the 26 pump motors are 125 hp. synchronous motors driving vacuum pumps which suck the water from the wet pulp, as it passes over a screen, before entering the squeezing rolls. The balance of the pump motors



**FEEDER RUNS**—The main feeders, after leaving the junction box, run along the attic floor, then drop down to basement panels.



**DIFFERENT DRIVES** are used throughout this installation. This is one of the many V-belt drives for motors located in limited quarters.



MAMMOTH CREPE TOWEL MACHINE, served by 97 motors, totaling 4100 horsepower, that operates beaters, pumps, dryers and diverse auxiliary equipment. To install this required 7500 feet of conduit and 35 miles of wire. This machine is 240 feet long, 23 feet wide, 22 feet high and weighs 600 tons. It occupies its own building.

vary from 5 to 60 hp. in size. The ten attic exhaust fans range from 5 to 20 hp.

High speed slitters, at the dry end, cut the "parent" rolls on which the paper toweling is wound after it emerges from the dryers. These are operated at 120 cycles and a motor generator frequency changer supplies current of this frequency. After the "parent" rolls are cut they are taken to a finishing building where they are cut to size, rolled, folded, wrapped and packed in cartons ready for shipment.

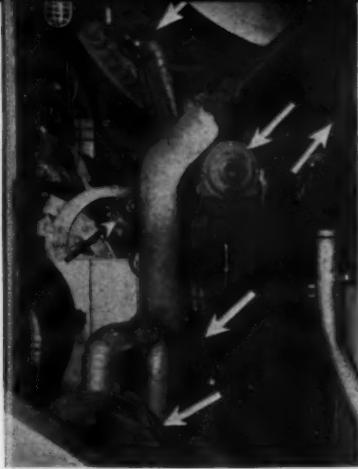
#### Lighting Equipment

Lighting for this new machine building is taken from transformers at 115 volts, 3 phase, 3 wire, delta, ungrounded. The 550 volt, 3 phase primary feed is taken from the power plant through six 4/0 rubber covered cables in 3½-in. transite duct. There is only general lighting in the basement and on the first floor. But auxiliary lighting is provided on the machine itself.

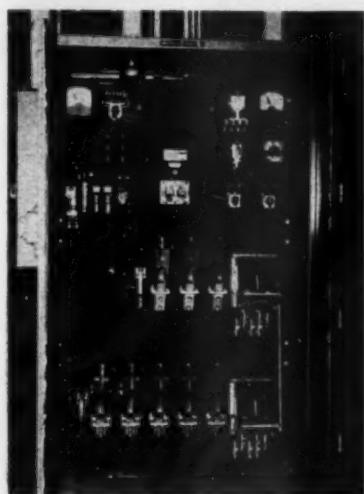
For first floor general lighting, deep bowl reflectors are used set flush in the ceiling. They are connected by reinforced cord to outlets run along the attic floor



AUXILIARY CONTROL panel on first floor is interconnected with main d.c. panel in basement. Arrow indicates push buttons for control of a.c. motors.



AUXILIARY EQUIPMENT motors are mounted on the machine. The number of motors, indicated by arrows, shows how a large percentage of the 97 motors are distributed.



CONTROL CUBICLE—Housed in individual cubicles, the control panels for all the synchronous motors are located in the basement, out of the way of the operating crew.



DRYER DRIVE—One of the two 300 hp. d.c. main drive motors, on the first floor of the building, driving the dryer drums. This one is at the dry end of the machine.

beams. The machine lighting consists of a row of vapor proof fixtures along each side of the machine on the main floor. At other points, in and under the machine, localized light is installed for use in watching the processing or checking motors, valves, bearings.

Engineers of the Scott Paper Co., Stone and Webster Engineering Corp., and the Keller-Pike Co., cooperated in the installation of this machine, said to be the largest and most modern of its type in the world. The electrical control equipment and installation work cost approximately \$125,000.

About 7500 feet of galvanized conduit and 35 miles of wire were installed. Wire sizes varied from No. 14 on control to 500,000 cm on service feeders. Minimum wire size on branch circuits was No. 12. Thirty per cent rubber covered wire was used throughout the installation.

Eighteen and 20 conductor color coded control cable was employed extensively between the main and auxiliary control panels. All sub-feeders and branch circuits were designed to carry a 100 per cent overload.

The Keller-Pike Company completed the electrical installation in two and a half months, with an average crew of 50 men. But for one week a peak crew of 103 men was necessary.

This installation we feel is a fine example of electric service to modern production machinery. So, as industry increases its demands for motors and auxiliary equipment, and control concentrates more functions in large highly automatic units, the use of electricity broadens and becomes more intricate. It adds to the responsibilities of the industrial contractor. But it also is steadily bringing him more opportunity.

### What The 97 Motors Do

FUNCTION	NO. OF MOTORS	TYPE	H.P. SIZE	TOTAL H.P.
Pulp Processing	2	Synchronous	300	600
Machine Jordan	1	Synchronous	400	400
Paper Processing	2	Synchronous	200	400
Main Dryer Drives	2	Direct Current	300	600
600 KW M-G Set	1	Synchronous	750	750
M-G Exciter Sets	2	Squirrel Cage	30	60
Frequency Changer	1	Squirrel Cage	5	5
Vacuum Pumps	3	Synchronous	125	375
Pumping Equipment	23	Squirrel Cage	7½-40	306
Agitators	10	Squirrel Cage	2-40	197
Fans and Blowers	12	Squirrel Cage	5-20	145
Vapor Absorption	1	Squirrel Cage	30	30
Pulp Screen Drive	1	Squirrel Cage	25	25
Other Screen Drives	3	Squirrel Cage	3	9
Screen Shake	3	Squirrel Cage	3	9
Grinder Drive	1	Squirrel Cage	20	20
Grinder Wheel	1	Squirrel Cage	10	10
Various Auxiliary Drives	27	Squirrel Cage	1/4-15	103.75
	97			4,134.75



GROUPED CONTROL—This typical bank of controls feeds individual motors through (1) an ammeter or load indicator, (2) a disconnect switch, (3) a magnetic starter and (4) a push button.



D.C. POWER—These 300 kw dual generators, in the basement, driven by a single 750 hp. synchronous motor, furnish the direct current for the main dryer drives on the towel machine.

PUMPING EQUIPMENT is an important factor in the operation of this huge machine. Arrows indicate a number of the 26 pumps necessary to produce paper towels.



# This NECA Convention

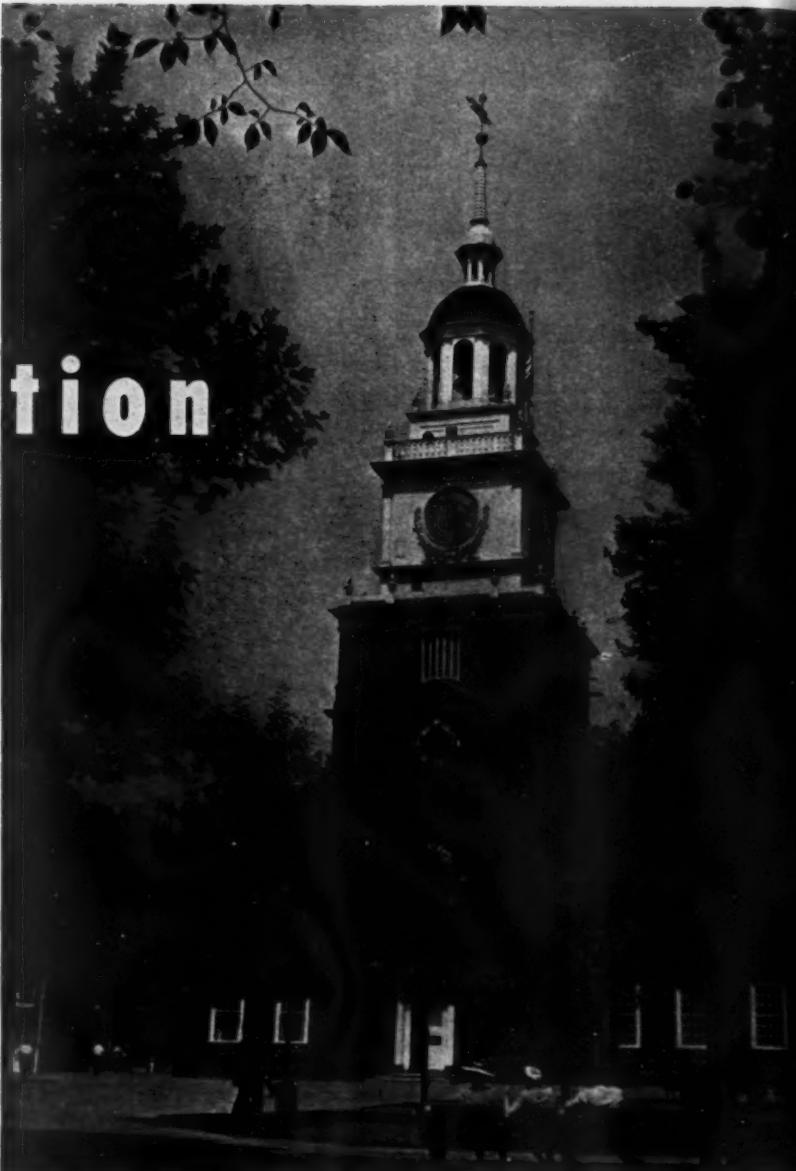
A word about the setting, the plans, the program and the opportunity.

**P**HILADELPHIA, William Penn's famous "city of brotherly love," is a good place for electrical contractors to visit. It was the scene of Ben Franklin's kite and key experiment. This, of course, meant nothing to our business. But it gave proof that the electric spark of the leyden jar was cousin to the crashing thunder bolt, and did more to build up public interest in electricity than anything that had happened or that followed for a long time.

And here in Philadelphia are many interesting things to see. The historic background of the city is familiar to all. But it is something to actually stand in Independence Hall, before the Liberty Bell, and know that here the American Congress struggled through the darkest days of the Revolutionary War with Washington's army in Valley Forge. And here, when the war was over, the United States Constitution was established.

Delegates to the 37th annual convention of the National Electrical Contractors Association will be richly repaid if they will spend an afternoon or two in this kind of sightseeing.

The Convention itself will be held in the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel. It will offer the combination of a meetings program and an exhibition of electrical



PHILADELPHIA OFFERS first to all Americans that lovely national shrine, Independence Hall. It stands in a modern setting interesting to electrical men for electrical progress here is far advanced.

products. The program will review in discussion the pressing problems of electrical contractors. The exhibit will marshal the latest contributions of the electrical manufacturers to modern technique in installing wiring and electrical equipment.

Meetings begin on Monday morning, October 9th with NECA President Earl Peak in the chair. There will be morning sessions Tuesday and Wednesday, afternoon meetings Monday and Wednesday.

A banquet will be held on Wednesday

evening in the Bellevue-Stratford ballroom. The entertainment program includes visits to Independence Hall, Valley Forge, and the Dupont Horticultural gardens. Friday and Saturday are reserved for the New York World's Fair and arrangements are made for the convention to travel direct from Philadelphia to the World's Fair and to enjoy it together.

The Convention Exhibition has been made possible by the Electrical Constructors, Inc. of Philadelphia, the NECA local chapter. The Convention



## NECA CONVENTION PROGRAM

### OCT. 9—MONDAY MORNING— Opening Session

"Address of Welcome"  
Horace P. Liversidge, President  
Philadelphia Electric Co.  
"Twelve Months Progress"  
Earl Peak, President of NECA  
Reports by Divisional Executive Commit-  
tee men

### MONDAY AFTERNOON—Union Shop Contractors Meeting

"Address of Chairman"  
E. C. Carlson, Chairman Labor Re-  
lations Committee  
"Labor's Willingness to Do Its Part"  
D. W. Tracy, President of Interna-  
tional Brotherhood of Electrical  
Workers  
"The Council on Industrial Relations"  
L. K. Comstock, Chairman of the  
Council  
"Let's Pass the Gravy"  
Earl Whithorne, Editor of Electrical  
Contracting

### OCT. 11—WEDNESDAY MORN- ING

"More Effective Selling—the Key to  
Electrical Contracting Business"  
Howard Williams, Vice President  
Tradeways, Inc., New York  
"Your Business and the Proposed Code  
Changes"  
George Andres, NECA Member on  
Electrical Committee, NFPA  
Election of Officers and Executive Com-  
mitteemen

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Union Shop Contractors Meeting  
Report of Field Representative Paul M.  
Geary

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

Annual Banquet  
Presentation of James H. McGraw  
Award

### OCT. 10—TUESDAY MORNING

"Wasted Watts"  
J. Walter Collins, Secretary Electrical  
Contractors Association, Chicago  
"Neglected Costs"  
Ray W. Ashley, Research Dept., Elec-  
trical Contractors Assn. of Chicago  
"Competition and the Law"  
Walter J. Walsh, Attorney, San Fran-  
cisco, California

### TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Golf—Overlook Country Club  
Tour of Franklin Institute

### OCT. 12—THURSDAY MORNING

"Mobilizing the Construction Industry"  
F. Stuart Fitzpatrick, Chamber of  
Commerce of the U. S., Washington,  
"Home Building for the Low Income  
Brackets"  
Joseph O'Brien, John B. Pierce Foun-  
dation, New York  
Report of Resolutions Committee

### OCT. 13—FRIDAY

National Electrical Contractors Day at  
the New York World's Fair

Committee, headed by W. E. Frazer of the H. B. Frazer Co., went to work a full year ago planning for this party and for the past seven months Ernie Hedler, managing director of the group, has given most of his time to developing the program and the Product Show. Some 50 manufacturers are participating with a variety of equipment ranging from the service entrance to the outlet and the switch. The study of these new products will be one of the most valuable opportunities offered by the Convention.

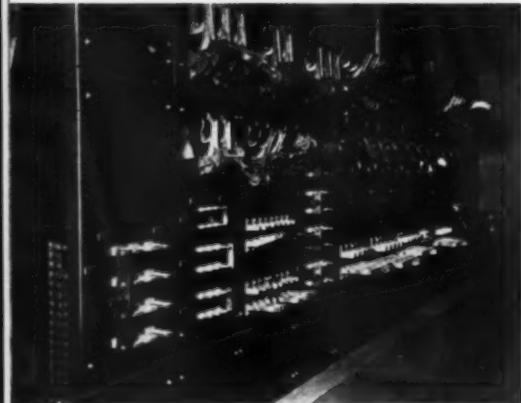


CLASSROOM BEFORE relighting was started. Here bowl enameled lamps in open prismatic shades are typical of the old style lighting. The intensity in these rooms ranged from  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 5 foot candles.



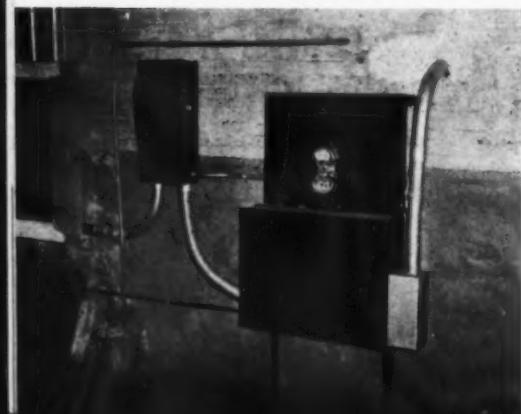
CLASSROOM AFTER new luminous bowl indirect fixtures were installed, with an average intensity from 15 to 18 foot candles. Arrows show metal mold circuits which ceiling ridges hide.

## More Wiring for the 3 "R's"



CONTROL SWITCHBOARD in the d.c. generating plant of a vocational school. The utility standby service is a.c. New panels, to transfer the load on either service, were added.

TYPICAL SERVICE installed in Philadelphia schools, embracing metering equipment, entrance switch and distribution panel, as used in the smaller buildings.



Nine Philadelphia contractors rewired 175 schools to provide capacity for better lighting. Almost complete new systems required — Interesting conditions encountered — Unique methods used.

By August Eckel

ELCTRICAL contractors of Philadelphia were called in to modernize the wiring of 175 school buildings during the past year. These schools ranged in age from 10 to 72 years. The wiring system of each structure was almost completely revamped.

Nine of the Quaker City's leading contractors were awarded contracts to improve these school lighting systems. Those sharing the business were:

1. Electric Power Construction Company.
2. Electro Construction Company.
3. Enterprise Electric Company.
4. Ford & Morris.
5. H. B. Frazer Company.
6. Keystone Engineering Company.
7. Morris Newmark & Bros.
8. W. V. Pangborne Company.
9. Ross Electric Construction Company.

These schools were grouped into nine contracts, including elementary, junior and senior high and vocational schools. The smallest number entrusted to any one contractor was nine and the largest was 36.

In most buildings, the electrical specifications called for new services, feeders, branch circuits, panels, fixtures and alterations to present switchboards. Intensities were increased from the old standard of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 5 foot candles to a new standard of 15 to 18 in regular classrooms and 25 to 30 for special classes.

Semi-indirect units with inside frosted mazda lamps for general lighting replaced open bottom prismatic reflectors in many of the buildings. In wood and machine shops, glassteel diffusing units were used with auxiliary localized lighting on the machines where necessary. Daylight glassteel diffusers were used in the textile classrooms. A special trial installation of fluorescent lighting with electronic control was made in one of the "sight saving" classes.

A number of the high and junior high schools had large auditoriums, in which the lighting had to be revamped. Of the 175 buildings, 71 had their own private generating plants, some a.c. and some d.c., operating in conjunction with a "standby" service



PRISMATIC LENSES in ceiling fixtures and continuous cove lighting, flood this auditorium with 16 foot candles. Arrows point to continuous coves above balcony.



PRISMATIC LENSES provide high intensity illumination for this gymnasium with good diffusion, so that participants in all sports are free from glare interference.

from the Philadelphia Electric Company. Here revamping of switchboards was necessary.

Originally the "standby" in most schools, was a 30 ampere service for emergency use. But the new a.c. service is large enough to carry a large portion of the lighting load of the building under normal conditions. During abnormal loads the a.c. service carries the peak in conjunction with the d.c. plant.

In one group of three schools, a steam driven 400 kw d.c. generating plant serves all buildings. The new standby a.c. service in this group was increased to 600 amperes. All motors in the buildings are d.c. In the winter months d.c. is used exclusively for power and light and the exhaust steam from the engines is used for the heating plant. In the summer months, when steam is not generated, the a.c. service is used, with a small motor

generator set for the power load.

One of the many interesting features of this project was encountered in the schools having their own d.c. generating plants. The utility standby service was a.c. The problem was to supply the same circuit either by the d.c. or the a.c. service. During peak loads some circuits might be d.c. and others a.c. A system of barriers in panels and pull boxes was devised to avoid duplicate circuits.

The lighting circuits in the old buildings were of the No. 14 two wire type. In general, all the new systems are of the No. 12 three wire grounded neutral type. In some schools where the load required a polyphase service,

four and five wire distribution was used, depending upon the phase of the incoming service.

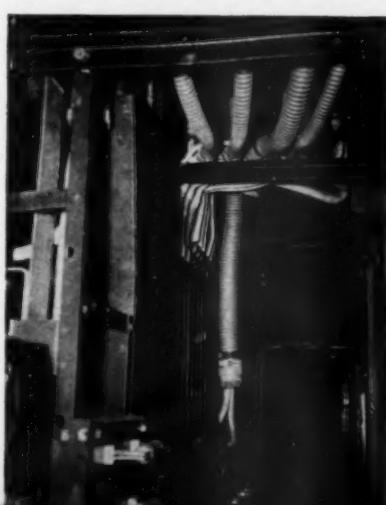
In fireproof structures, where the conduit was concealed, new wire was pulled into existing conduits, and three No. 12 wires replace the two No. 14 wires of the old circuits. Existing feeders were used to supply loads up to their capacities. New feeder conduits and wire were installed, concealed wherever possible, to carry the balance of the increased load. Entirely new services of larger capacity were needed to supply the additional load. Metal molding was used for extensions to the new fixture positions.

In a number of schools, the original feeders were lead covered cable in concealed conduit. In these cases, new moisture resistant rubber covered cables were used. This permitted the use of larger copper in the same conduit to carry the increased load.

In many of the non-fireproof buildings, all lighting panels were in the basement. Here, separate risers were installed to feed each tier of rooms. Usually a three wire circuit served each room. New feeders were run to the panels in many cases. New services were installed and wherever possible the present metal molding on the ceiling branch circuits was retained.

Standard 30 percent rubber insulated wire was used in the entire project. The 40 percent conduit fill rule was followed in all but a few cases, where local inspection authorities permitted deviation from the rule to meet specific job conditions. The standard utility supply voltage was used in all schools.

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PANEL CONNECTIONS behind transfer panels on d.c. — a.c. switchboard. Feeders leave panel and enter enclosure above the board. Built-in barriers separate a.c. and d.c.



LIGHTING PANEL for gymnasium lights in a vocational school. The upper half is typical of lighting panels in all the schools. The lower half provides remote control from push buttons in the gym.



ACTION UNDER the lights—A night game at Shibe Park showing intensity in the outfield.

# Ball Park Job in Philadelphia

When famous Shibe Park installed 185 foot candles for night playing, the electrical contractor took on both operation and maintenance on a contact basis.

"PLAY BALL!"—"Crack!" goes the bat! The crowd roars! And ten thousand men in Philadelphia offices used to glance at the clock and groan because they couldn't see the game. But now Shibe Park, home of the famous "Athletics," is drenched in 185 foot candles of night light and the fans can hear the welcome ring of the umpire's voice "after hours."

Many other cities have lighted their ball parks for night playing. But the Shibe Park installation is notable and will be interesting to the NECA convention delegates for the following reasons:

1. It sets a new high of 185.8 foot candles of intensity in the infield and 118.8 in the outfield. It compares with intensities of 50, 70, 80 and 100 foot candles found on most other major ball parks where there is night playing.

By Howard L. Miller,  
President  
*Utilities Engineering Company, Philadelphia*

It is slightly higher than the similar installation recently completed at Comiskey Field, Chicago.

2. The system provides 780 flood lights equipped with 1500 watt lamps; also, important safety features.

3. This contractor now maintains and operates the system.

The American League Baseball Club, the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, and the Utilities Engineering Company cooperated in developing this job. Its seven principal features are as follows.

1. Towers—Eight steel 20 ton towers were used. Towers No. 1 and No. 2, near home plate, have 60 floodlights each.

All other towers have 110 floodlights each. The floodlights are on the steel cross arms at a minimum of 120 feet above the ground. Each arm is about 30 feet long and supports 11 projectors. Protected walkways extend the width of the arm for servicing two rows of fixtures each.

The positions of the projectors were determined by calculations developed by the Electrical Testing Laboratories. Calculated intensities were obtained by projecting the beam of the floodlights on the field from various mounting positions. These angles were then plotted on a lumen chart to determine the amount of light striking any one playing area, and above the ground level in the maximum zone of play.

2. Fixtures—Westinghouse VHR-20 Alclad aluminum floodlights were used, with 1500 watt PS-52 clear bulb general service mazda lamps, base up. The lamps burn 10 per cent overvoltage, which gives 35 per cent more lumens with a 15 per cent increase in consumption. Cooling is by radiation.

A bayonet heel arrangement permits removal of the reflector without use of tools or refocusing. A scale drawing of the

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field, with predetermined intensities made it possible to install each floodlight and focus it without being turned on.

**3. Service**—The Philadelphia Electric Company provides service over dual 2300 volt, 60 cycle, 2 phase, 3-wire primary feeders through oil circuit breaker cubicles. An additional tie-breaker cubicle with an automatic transfer feature is electrically interlocked with the dual service breakers.

The system normally operates with 50 per cent of the total load on each service feeder. Upon failure of either service the automatic transfer switch throws the entire load of 1357 kw. on the remaining service.

Two main switches in the service vault beneath the grandstand control the complete installation. Primary feeders of four No. 4/0, 5000 volt watertight RC cables, in 3 inch conduit, run from the switching equipment to the floodlight towers. Each feeder carries one half of the floodlights on each tower.

The two towers near home plate carry two 50 kva, 2300 volt primary, 115 volt secondary single phase oil cooled transformers. One 75 kva. and one 100 kva. transformer are mounted on each of the other six towers. Primary fused cutouts

protect each transformer. Transformers mounted above the grandstand roof contain "Inerteen," non-inflammable insulating compound. Wire mesh enclosures protect transformers within range of a line drive.

**4. Secondary Circuits**—The secondary circuits run in conduits to distribution panels mounted inside each tower at the back of the service walk ways. Weatherproof cabinets with fuse gap panels provide one circuit for each fixture.

Branch circuits run in conduit under the walk way, then up and along the cross arms to condulets, that serve two floodlights. Flexible rubber covered duplex cables from the floodlights are spliced to circuit wires in these condulets. Secondary circuits are held within a 2 per cent drop in voltage.

**5. Safety**—All high and low voltage distribution wire is insulated for at least twice the operating voltage and provided with a special low moisture absorption insulation. Primary conduits and pull boxes have danger signs and are enameled to identify them. Primary circuits are encased in concrete to a height of eight feet above floor levels.

Under the grandstand roof, they are routed where there is the least possibility of a spectator touching them. Each service feeder and tower were protected against lightning discharges.

**6. Operation**—An operating contract, with the Utilities Engineering Company, calls for a supervisor and an assistant operator in the main control room during the entire duration of every night game. They energize and de-energize the main breakers and supervise and maintain continuity of service during the game. Operating and maintenance costs for a season approximate \$2,500, excluding cost of current. Cost of current for one game is about \$240.

**7. Maintenance**—Our company also maintains this installation on a flexible contract basis. The maintenance list includes the following material and service—

#### Material Replacements—

- 1.—High and low tension fuses.
- 2.—High tension transformer cutouts—150 amp.
- 3.—High tension transformer cutouts—50 amp.
- 4.—Lamp renewals.
- 5.—Floodlight lenses—clear and stippled.

#### Service—

6.—Make pre-game illumination test for five minutes on the day previous to the night game, and for five minutes, three hours prior to game time. Test includes checking the automatic relays in the main control room, checking the circuit breakers and seeing that all the lights are in operating condition.

7.—Clean exterior surface of 780 floodlight lenses, three times per season.

8.—Clean all floodlight reflectors once a season.

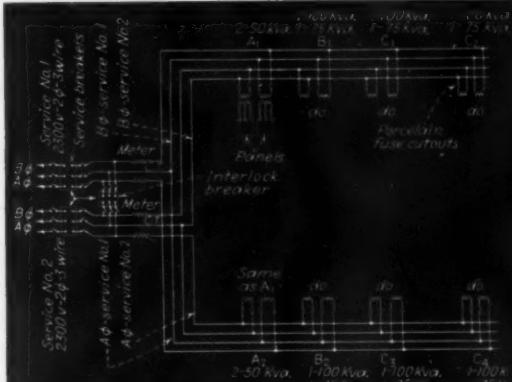
9.—Test oil in main control room circuit breakers once a season.

10.—Test oil in 16 transformers once a season.

11.—Make insulation test on entire electrical system once a season.

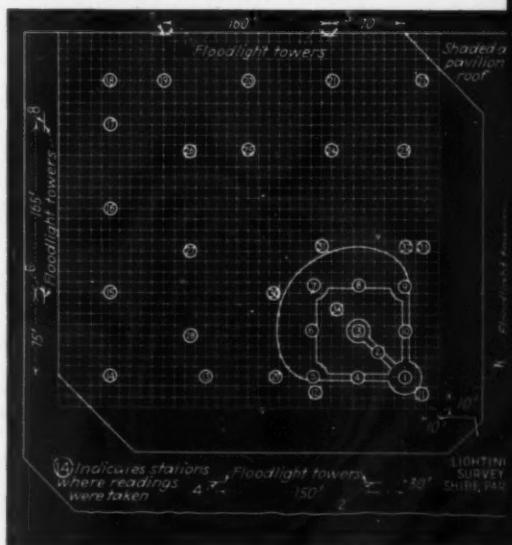
The electrical system was designed and installed by us and the entire installation, consisting of structural steel supports, distribution system and flood lights, entailed an expenditure of approximately \$105,000. A 35 man crew completed the installation in eight weeks. Approximately two miles of conduit, mostly three-inch, and about 7½ miles of wire were installed.

To show the magnitude of the job, with a few trick figures, these 780-1500 watt floodlights operating at 10 per cent overvoltage are equal to 97,250—25 watt lamps on the basis of the lumen efficiency of the lamps only. The complete installation has a total beam candlepower of two billion. That is sufficient light to illuminate a highway from Cleveland to Philadelphia.



SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM of 2300 volt service to floodlight towers.

SCALE DRAWING of Sible Park, showing towers and method used to focus lights.



A CLOSEUP of one of eight towers, showing battery of floodlights, transformers and servicing walkways.



# Contractors in Philadelphia

the city are the innumerable suburban communities, in which modern country homes are as individual as anywhere else.

Philadelphia electrical contractors are organized today in two groups. "Electrical Constructors of Philadelphia, Inc." is the local NECA Chapter, with a membership of 25 of the union contractors specializing in industrial and commercial work. This association was set up in 1935. In June of this year it established a voluntary Code to foster fair bidding practice in the city. The present officers are president, Wm. F. McCarter of Cates and Shepard; vice-president, W. E. Frazer of H. B. Frazer Co.; secretary and treasurer, W. E. Rubert of Union Electric Contracting Co., and managing director, E. E. Hedler, long prominent in Philadelphia electrical activities.

This organization is endeavoring to raise the standards of electrical construction in Philadelphia, to promote rewiring, to improve the service given by local contractors to local industries. It is fostering better relations between the contractor and the other branches of the electrical industry.

It was this association that extended the invitation to NECA to hold this year's convention in Philadelphia. It has developed the program, made the arrangements, organized the product exhibition and will be official host to the visiting contractors and guests.

The Independent Electrical Contractors Association has a membership of 123 contractors, large and small, union and non-union. It is nine years old and has devoted itself chiefly to promoting a licensing law, which has not yet passed the legislature. They are now working for a city license too.

They have also been active in developing better ethics and coordination in the local electrical industry, better relations with the building trades. Some 29 of its members, who meet the prescribed standards, are advertised by the Association as offering "guaranteed work-

manship." The officers of the association are president, Waldo A. Reizner; vice-president, Joseph S. Miller of Miller Electric Construction Co.; secretary, Harry Bortman of David Bortman; and treasurer, Louis Blum of Keystone Electric Co.

The Electrical Association of Philadelphia is the local electrical industry association. Howard L. Miller, former president and active member of the Constructors is now vice-president of the Electrical Association and chairman of its Contractors Division. This group numbers about 30 electrical contractors doing industrial and commercial work and has been operating for ten years.

The Electrical Association has also a contractor-dealer group, organized to promote a larger volume of business for these members in residence wiring and appliance sales, and in small factory and store work. Prominent in this activity have been campaigns to promote refrigeration, range and water heater sales, adequate wiring, commercial cooking, oil burners, air conditioning, electric kitchens, better light. Local programs tie into all national campaigns to stimulate the Philadelphia electrical market.

The Association maintains a splendid permanent electrical exhibit at its headquarters, conveniently located in the Architects Building. It provides a meeting place for all industry groups and leadership in all activities. It has contributed greatly to the prestige of its members. In fact, the Electrical Association of Philadelphia is probably the most highly developed and effective local electrical league in the country. And it will be worth the time of every delegate to the NECA Convention to visit its offices and exhibit and see what it is doing for the electrical contractors of the Quaker City.

Among its activities are:

1. *A clearing house operation—Inquiries come in to the Electrical*  
*(Continued on page 72)*

How the industry is organized in this old town where William Penn stands in a blaze of light atop the City Hall waiting to greet you.

MODERN Philadelphia, with its population of 3,000,000, is a city of highly developed middle sized industries. It is a tide water port, ranking second in our maritime commerce. It has large concentrations of the oil refining and textile industries. And yet it is notable for the variety of its industrial activities. There is no dominant industrial influence such as the delegates to the NECA Convention saw last year in Detroit.

Philadelphia electrical contractors, therefore, have an unusually wide market to work in. They are involved with almost every type of industrial process, every imaginable application of electricity in factories for light, power, heat, ventilation and control. They have the huge office structures, stores, institutions and other commercial buildings found in every large city today. They have the homes of this vast population to wire and to modernize.

And Philadelphia homes differ from those of most places, because housing in this city consists largely of the traditional brick row, built by a real estate operator and finished with identical wiring and equipment. Then outside



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# BUSINESS *Stands Against War*

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*Let us take a clear-eyed look at this thing we call War.*

**W**AR is a political tool for domination or suppression; a device of futility—unless it be waged in defense of our homes, our property or our rights—in the preservation of our liberty. War destroys everything it touches. So completely does it disrupt the order and progress of civilization that humanity falters.

Dangerously widespread amongst our people today is the assumption that our participation in the European War is inevitable. Some mistrust the temper and program of the federal government as likely to lead us into it; others fear that our sympathies will make us an easy prey to the propagandists; still others suspect that business and industry, in a blind greed for profits, may involve us in the conflict.

To give credence to such beliefs is to deny that we are normal individuals, endowed with intelligence and a will, or the ability, as a people, to profit by our own experience. In all human experience, death only is inevitable.

To say that Industry and Business want war or will encourage, directly or indirectly, our participation in the present war, is a vicious and deliberate lie.

The millions of us who, since the World War twenty-five years ago, have devoted all our efforts and energies to creating and building and improving that which we know today as American Industry and Business, are convinced that the destiny of this country can be wrought only in peace. We cannot, and *must* not, stand aside and watch even the little progress we have made since that war sacrificed to the pestilence of another world conflict. We who are trying to build a lasting heritage for those who will follow us truly know that "there never was a good war or a bad peace".

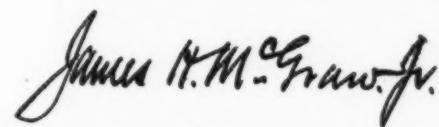
Perhaps it is time to re-emphasize two of the three elements of our democratic faith, so simply stated by Abraham Lincoln, "that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth". Now, of all times, it will be wise to inform our political stewards that government by the people and for the people must be the guiding principle in what they do during the days to come, and that it is our *will* that in our country peace shall be preserved.

Only the grim and solitary courage of each of us, the determination to exert all our intelligence, all our individual influence in every way, can insure the preservation of peace for our country.

Preparedness we know to be the most effective preventive weapon against the threat of war. We must be certain, therefore, that we provide our air, land and sea forces with the best in armaments and material, in adequate supply to maintain properly and impressively our national responsibilities and defense.

Most important is that we as individuals, thus inspired, band together to exert the full strength of Industry and Business in the maintenance of peace.

If we are to succeed, we must be forceful, we must be articulate. To that purpose we pledge ourselves and the resources of our publications. An expression from our readers will greatly assist in such a mobilization of industrial opinion. Together, in this critical time, we can serve America well!



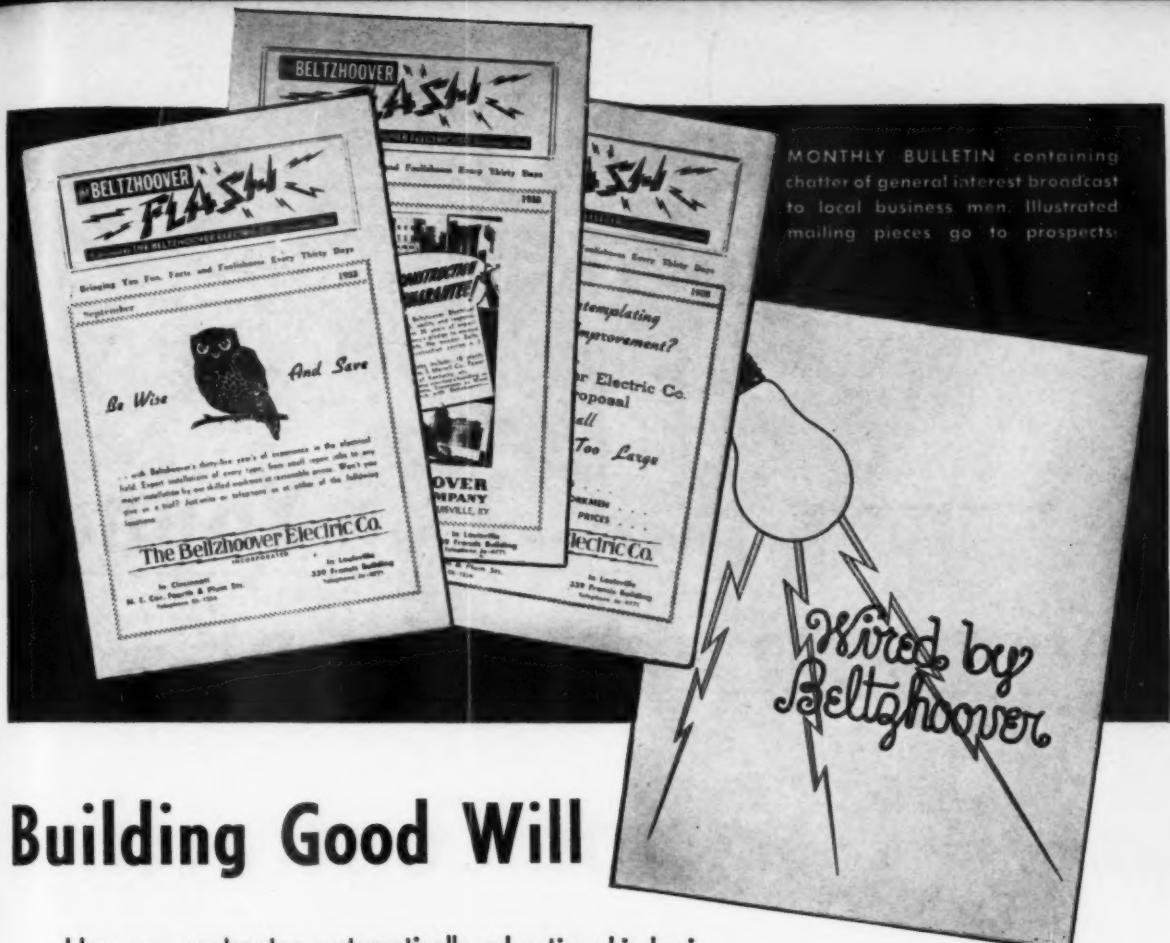
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## Building Good Will

How one contractor systematically advertises his business and maintains friendly contact with his customers

**S**ELLING cannot stop with the signing of the contract, says Charles Beltzhoover of the Beltzhoover Electric Company of Cincinnati. Beltzhoover operates an electrical contracting business in Cincinnati and Louisville, and he practices what he preaches.

Advertising and the building of cus-

tomer good will get the same consideration in the Beltzhoover organization as any other vital function of the electrical contracting business. Even though a large portion of the work carried on by the company is secured through the customary channels of competitive bidding, a comprehensive program of publicity is regularly maintained. According to Mr. Beltzhoover, the motivating principle behind their advertising and publicity work is to keep the name of the company steadily before the general public, associated with good electrical wiring. Good will is the primary motive and no immediate or direct returns are expected.

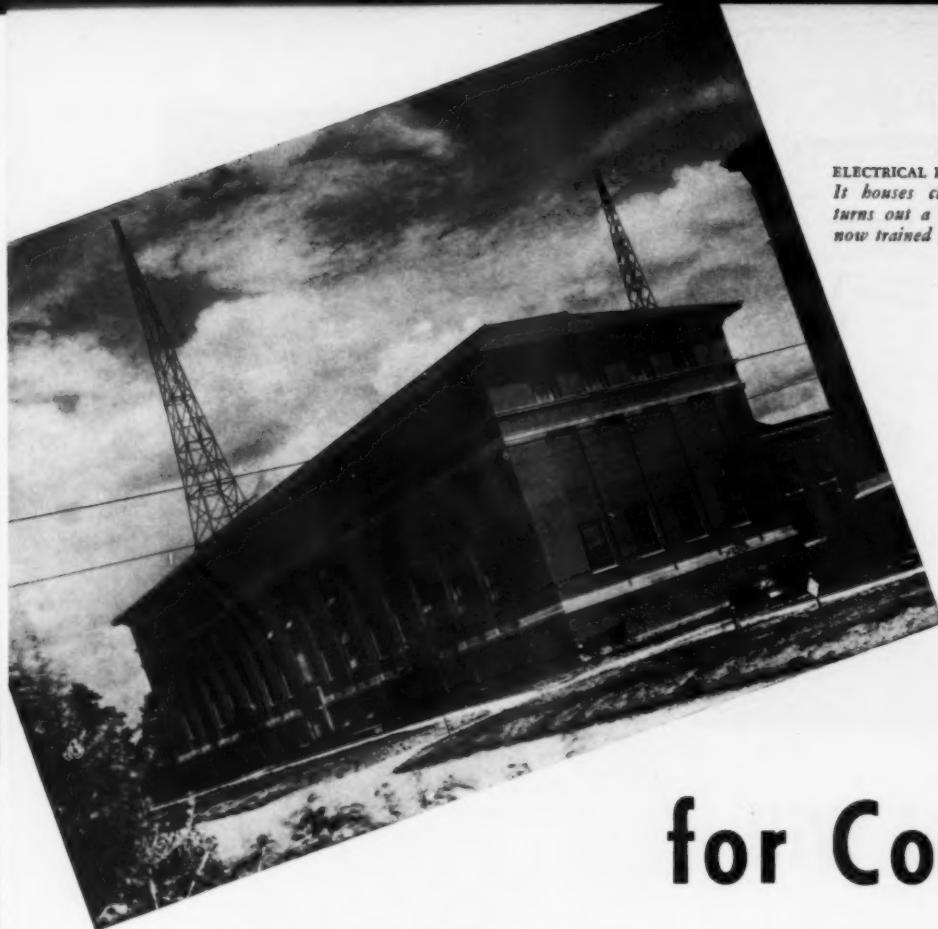
General advertising is carried through six to eight insertions a month of well planned copy in the daily newspapers. This is handled by an advertising agency which also provides the newspapers with news releases when major

contracts are let to the Beltzhoover Company or other items of general interest to the public.

Envelope stuffers and elaborately illustrated mailing pieces are sent out regularly to architects, engineers and builders. A monthly bulletin called the "Beltzhoover Flash" containing "fun, facts and foolishness," along with short items of general interest, and a front cover advertisement for electrical wiring, is broadcast to members of service clubs, local business and professional men, and the building industry.

Then when a contract is completed comes another opportunity for adding a personal touch to customer relations. Whenever a check is received, large or small, a "thank you" note is promptly sent to the customer. This note, although following a standard form, is individually addressed and typed, and signed by the president of the company. An attractive two color folder is used with one leaf devoted to the company letterhead and the letter. The interior of the folder and the back page feature the "Wired by Beltzhoover" motto and a 5 point guarantee, together with illustrations of several outstanding wiring jobs.

**A GUARANTEE**—This "Thank You!" letter unfolds and inside is a five point guarantee backing the Beltzhoover work.



ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING building at Purdue. It houses classrooms and laboratories and turns out a hundred EE's yearly. Some are now trained for electrical contracting.

# Young Blood for Contracting



INSTRUCTOR R. B. MARSHALL, spent several years running his own electrical contracting business. He gives students the "low-down" on problems from selecting material to labor relations.

Purdue starts a course where electrical engineering students may fit themselves for a job with you. Here's what they learn and how.

By W. T. Stuart

SOME shaggy-eared engineers from Purdue, with shiny new diplomas, are looking for their opportunity in the electrical contracting field. They will fit into the routine of the contractor's business more quickly as a result of a new course in "electrical contracting" instituted at the Indiana engineering school under Instructor R. B. Marshall.

The new course was initiated to give the embryo engineers a broad picture of what the electrical construction field is and what engineers do in it. "Practical" courses are anathema in University terminology. (These are for cooperative or trade schools.) But this course gives the student some background information and training in the specific problems of the electrical contracting industry. It shows them its relation to the rest of his engineering training.

The electrical contracting class is an "elective" subject. It may be taken by students in the electrical engineering course. The class has three definite objectives according to Mr. Marshall—

"We would like to see our graduates in electrical engineering understand more of the problems so common to the contractor and his electricians," he says. "We want them to know the various devices available and in common use in the contractor's field. We want them to call these devices by their proper names. We also want our students to know the Code and know when an electrical job is done properly from the standpoint of safety and good workmanship."

"Our second objective is to develop the student's ability to write specifications and make estimates. Many engineers and contractors who thoroughly understand an enterprise may be unable to specify just what is wanted, in words that leave no chance for misunderstanding."

"The third objective is that of helping our graduates see the opportunities that lie ahead in the contracting field. I don't

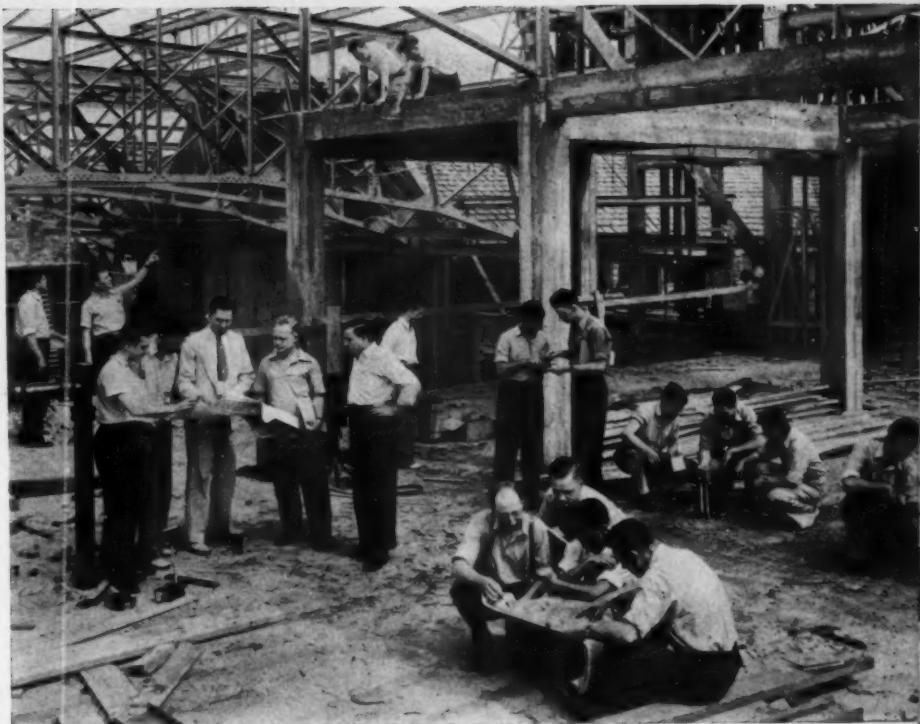
think that enough technical graduates are entering this field. I also believe that the entire electrical contracting industry can be advanced by new blood trained in electrical engineering."

The course was introduced last February at the beginning of the spring semester. The class studied catalogs of electrical devices. They learned the names of the leading electrical manufacturers and the purpose of each product. They became familiar with the common types of wiring. They studied the Code, and the hazards to property and life that might result from improper wiring.

## PURDUE'S COURSE—EE-16 WHAT IT TEACHES

1. A study of the catalogs of wiring devices manufactured by leading companies. Samples are passed through the classroom daily.
2. A study of each class of wiring from the standpoint of advantages, cost, materials used, tools used, labor and code requirements. This includes knob and tube, non-metallic cable, armored cable, conduit, steel tubes, wireways, busways.
3. A study of wiring design, laying out and writing specifications for residential wiring, industrial wiring, public building wiring, underground construction, overhead construction.
4. Estimating and bidding. Blue prints are furnished to students.
5. A study of industrial control devices, circuits for push stations and automatic starters, arrangement of switches, breakers, thermal cutouts.
6. Commercial wiring; floodlights, signs and flashers, tube sign construction and installation.
7. The lessons are made more realistic by inspection trips to—
  - A residence under construction
  - A concrete building under construction
  - A modern industrial plant
  - A tube sign manufacturing plant
  - An underground tunnel system

During the semester each student laid out lighting systems, wrote specifications, made lists of materials, estimated labor cost, and prepared bids on several projects. Then, to round out



LABORATORY CLASS in electrical contracting goes out on the job, studies plans, electrical installation problems, and notes how electrical work fits in with other building trades.

the course, the class discussed labor problems and the art of successful bidding. Practical points in buying, merchandising, and financing an enterprise were introduced.

Backing all of this classroom effort, the class made a number of "laboratory" field trips to buildings under construction. These included modern industrial plants, a tube sign manufacturing plant and an underground tunnel system.

Out of a field of 100 electrical engineering graduates, 20 took the electrical contracting course. A few of these men may wind up as contractors or in the employ of contractors. Most will find their way into electrical manufacturing and utility firms.

How practical could such a course be in the cloistered halls of a University? That is best answered by pointing out that Instructor Marshall hardly needs text book references for his classroom discussions. He operated his own electrical contracting business in Springfield, Ohio, from 1924 to 1928. It embraced general wiring, electrical construction, and appliance sales. Then he spent several years with a public utility, where he was in close touch with electrical construction work. From this job he went to the faculty of Pur-

due University. So being an experienced contractor, engineer and teacher, Mr. Marshall is giving his students a practical insight into the business.

The need for trained engineering minds in the electrical contracting industry can hardly be questioned. However, the average E.E. needs as much additional training after he goes to work for a contractor as any other intelligent young man.

But unfortunately he usually steps out into some other branch of the electrical industry where he can cash in on his expensive education more quickly amid more familiar surroundings. Purdue's course hopes to make it possible for the graduate engineer to earn his way up in the electrical contracting industry from the start.

The project will bear watching by industry minded men because it represents the first time an American university has recognized electrical contracting as a professional field. Whether or not these men wind up in the electrical contracting industry is at the moment less significant than the fact that Purdue will be turning out electrical engineers with some basic knowledge of the part that the electrical contractor plays in the electrical industry.

# GOOD Motor Shop Housekeeping

By B. V. Ferrari  
 Excel Electric Service Co.  
 Chicago, Ill.

*This progressive Chicago motor shop parallels and supports its efficient engineering and mechanical technique with records and accounting as methodically organized as the shop itself.*

**D**ID we put in new bearings when we did that rewind job for him last April?

Is there a quarter horse, split phase, 115 volt motor in stock?

How much time went into that armature undercutting job for the Jones Company?

When was the last time we had a salesman out to see the Century Machine Company?

These and dozens of other questions are daily routine in any big motor service shop. And a big chunk of that thing we call "service" depends upon how accurately we can answer them. So we have put a lot of time and thought into developing a system of records, forms

BUSINESS RECORDS are valuable. So books and records are stored away in a sturdy safe.

and paper technique that will give us the answers—now! This system breaks down under five heads—

**1. Sales Control**—Five men in our organization handle our customer contacts and sales work. With this compact sales crew, it is unnecessary to set up an elaborate sales control plan. But—there are three things that we must know and record—

a. Who our customers and prospects are.

b. Which salesman is in touch with each prospect.

c. When our salesman last called upon the prospect.

The record keeping for sales work is, therefore, simple. We use a salesman's report form which each man submits daily, stating who he called upon and what quotations were made.

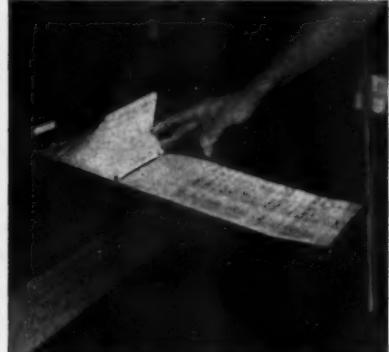
Prospects are listed in a master index consisting of two card files, one "active", the other "inactive". The designation is arbitrary and simply indicates the vol-



MODERN PLANT of the Excel Electric Service Company in Chicago, where good work is carried through into good service, by efficient organization and system.



RECORD KEEPING is reduced to the essentials and speeded up by appropriate forms.



VISIBLE INDEX card systems keep a close watch on purchases and price fluctuation.

ume of business that may be expected from the company.

Weekly sales meetings are held at which we discuss each account in the "active" file. At each meeting, a group of "inactive" cards are taken out and moved into the "active" file until they are contacted.

The master file cards note each time a salesman contacts that prospect or customer and each job performed. They provide the essential details for our sales conferences.

In contacting the customer, our salesmen usually quote repair prices and rebuilt motor prices from a standard price list.

## **2. Job Control**—There are several

- things we want to know about the jobs that go through our shop—  
a. What materials we use and how much.  
b. The cost of labor.  
c. What repairs were made.  
d. When and to whom the job was delivered.

The order blank is a printed form made out in duplicate. The salesman notes the details of the job. One copy is held in the office file with the customer's purchase order attached. The other is routed to the shop superintendent.

When the motor arrives in the shop, a full description of the job is entered on five control forms—a job ticket, a time ticket, a receiving ticket in duplicate and a material ticket. These forms are made out in one operation with carbon paper.

The blue job ticket, with a separate pink material requisition form, remains in the shop. Each item of material used is noted on the material form. The work done is entered on the job ticket.

The time ticket is returned to the office. Each mechanic's time is entered on a daily time sheet and distributed over the job by order number. At the end of the day, the charges on each mechanic's time sheet are distributed over the job time ticket.

When the job is completed and costed, the job ticket is sent to the billing clerk and billed immediately. The receiving tickets are sent out with the delivery and one form is returned to the office, signed by the customer's receiving clerk.

**3. Motor Sales**—On every motor sale, both new and rebuilt, the characteristics are entered on a motor record card. The card is then placed in a permanent "sold stock" file. Any information the customer wants about that motor or control apparatus can be quoted at once from the file. If it comes into the shop for repairs, the file card provides us with complete data.

Loan or rental motors are recorded on a separate motor record sheet and filed under the customer's name with a standard rental agreement contract.

**4. Purchase Record**—We have recently also set up a purchase record file in a visible index system upon which the last price paid for any material is regularly entered. Through this system we can keep a close watch on price fluctuations in material and buy to the best advantage.

**5. Accounting**—In addition to these special forms and filing systems required for our business, we employ a thoroughly

sound and detailed system of bookkeeping. It lets us know, month by month, just where we stand as a business.

Our system was not set up as a unit. It evolved over a period of years seeking—

- a. To place at our finger tips at all times the facts that our customers and our staff regularly need.
  - b. To limit to an absolute minimum the amount of non-productive and clerical

work needed to keep the records up.

Fundamentally, however, efficient paper work is so much waste motion unless shop methods, technique and service are efficient. Records can not take the place of modern machinery. So we are constantly adopting new and better methods, new materials and better machines. Efficient paper work is only part of this continuous shop progress.

# Specialties help this Contractor

SERVICE MINDED is George W. Parezo, so he bolstered contracting work by a gradual build-up of kindred business.



MODEL STOCK is for supplying train building hobbyists, who graduate from the ranks of regular factory-built equipment.

ODDS AND ENDS for drop-in service trade help to build volume all the year.



A Washington contractor develops a paying business in a toy train service department

DURING the 1938 Christmas season, George W. Parezo bought \$5000 worth of electric trains and parts for the Superior Lock and Electric Company of Washington, D. C. It takes four train repairmen to handle the service work during the peak. Business starts rolling in about November first and tapers off toward the end of January. Last season there were more than a thousand repair orders.

This train repair business fits in nicely with an electrical department and a lock department. The commercial wiring and maintenance work keeps four men employed. Two locksmiths work out of the shop on emergency calls of all sorts. So this is no tinkering or simple fix-it business.

Mr. Parezo built the present volume in toy train work from a start made 28 years ago with an \$80 investment. He now builds model trains and operates official service stations for two leading



TRAIN HOSPITAL for Washington's electric toys grew into a separate department in this contractor's place of business.



TOY SHOP where normal train repair work is handled. The pre-Christmas rush starts four service men going until mid-January.

manufacturers. Some special locomotive building orders run up to \$300. Other good business comes in for converting factory equipment to use with model trains.

This company's successful sideline suggests a way for other contractors to increase their community service contacts, and yet remain in the field of electrical work. Toy trains continue to grow in popularity, and they need expert attention. The Superior Company has made it worthwhile plus business.

# 25¢ A YEAR!

**It costs so little  
to end forever the nuisance  
of blown fuses**

uses are such a nuisance. When lights go out, you fumble around in the dark, stumble downstairs, try to find those new fuses you probably forgot to buy, try to locate the one fuse that blew. It's an inconvenience you can now avoid for so little that you surely will do something about it.

The trim, convenient Cutler-Hammer Multi-Breaker actually adds less than \$5.00 to the cost of the average new home... 25¢ a year added to the usual new home financing payments. Think of it! Tell your architect or contractor now so your home will be truly modern with a Cutler-Hammer Multi-Breaker. Sold through recognized Cutler-Hammer wholesalers everywhere. CUTLER-HAMMER, Inc., Pioneer Electrical Manufacturers, 1306 St. Paul Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



#### NOW THE CUTLER-HAMMER MULTI-BREAKER WORKS

The Cutler-Hammer Multi-Breaker is an attractive panel (as shown at right) located in any convenient hall or kitchen location. When an overload or short circuit occurs somewhere in the house, one of the little levers on this panel snaps into the "OFF" position. To restore service you merely reset this lever. Nothing to hunt. Nothing to replace. No live parts exposed. Simple, safe, convenient, and the first cost is the only cost.



#### In Old Homes, Too

The Cutler-Hammer Multi-Breaker eliminates not only the inconvenience but the unsightly tangle of wires and fuses in the cellar. Ask your electric light company or contractor for an estimate. You will be pleasantly surprised. The cost per month will probably be less than you now spend for fuses.

Millions of people...your customers...are seeing these C-H Multi-Breaker ads.

National Magazines. Sales are rising steadily. Feature C-H and go to town.

# Editorials

Earl Whitehorne, Editor

## The War And The Contractor

With death, terror and destruction unloosed in Europe, no man wants to speak of what the new war may mean to him. But he can not fail to ponder it. And so the electrical contractor in America inevitably must ask himself this necessary question: And no one sees the answer clearly.

While this plague of fear and death remains a war of European nations only, America will probably enjoy a gradually growing boom. We will be selling munitions and food to England and France. Factories will be full of workers and running over time. War demands for agricultural products will exhaust our present glutted surplus. Most of the unemployment will disappear and government relief expenditures and activities should cease with it.

With this process will come the expansion and re-equipment of factories, and the general increased repair and modernizing of commercial buildings. Growing war prosperity among our people will express itself quite naturally in housing construction and improvement and the further electrification of farms. The electrical contractor will be very busy throughout the land.

But our Government in Washington is planning for our entry into this war, perhaps in six months. They expect it to last four or five years. And though the President hopes to keep us out, all government departments are proceeding, under his direction, as though our participation in the European tragedy is certain. And when a government plans for war on such a scale, it usually happens.

If we do enter the war, because the Germans sink our ships or inflame us

in some other fashion, despite the desires of individuals and business, we will probably raise an army of 4,000,000 men, train them here and send them across the seas again to fight. That will mean an enormous further expansion of our industrial and business activities. It will mean the building of great cantonments. More billions then will flow out to all our homes and farms and make a bigger boom. Everybody will have money. And the electrical contractor will be busier than ever.

But all this is an illusion. And here lies the danger to our judgment. This excitement and activity inevitably feeds the thrill that builds up war enthusiasm and launches talk of glory.

Let no electrical man be even temporarily glad that any kind of war boom may bring dollars to his purse. For in the background of the picture stalk the shadows of another war born depression, new burdens of debt and taxation, new social and economic problems more difficult than those we have so long been struggling with. And if we fight, we add to this, the long anguish of fear and pain, of death and desolation, while our men are battling on foreign soil in somebody else's war. For this time, getting in sooner, we will suffer more sorely in our larger share of killed and maimed.

There is no reason why America should enter this war. The tribes of Europe were at each other's throats when Julius Caesar kept the peace in Gaul. They have been warring periodically across the pages of history ever since then. They will continue as long as these many highly nationalistic peoples are pent up together in this small area like worms squirming in a bait can. But their traditional incompatibility is no affair of ours. In fact, our ancestors came here to

America to escape this very thing.

We may enter this war. If we do, electrical contractors, motor shop men, plant electricians, wiremen and helpers will play their part at home and abroad. But let's face the naked truth. We will not be fighting any fight of ours to save democracy. Men have struggled up from slavery for centuries, ever seeking more freedom. They will continue to strive for liberty after Hitler, Stalin and Mussolini are gone. No, it is not our fight. We will be fighting Europe's fight to kill that mad man now misleading the German people and brutalizing that continent.

We should help the Allies with food and with munitions, in open friendship. We should defend America at any cost in blood and treasure. But we shall go across and share their battles only if we are stampeded into it. And no good will come of it to any American, boom or no boom. Therefore every American should resist the propaganda and the thrills that lure us on.

Let's not forget that. Let no electrical man become excited and shout for war. But those who knew the last World War need not be warned.

## The Range is Moving

Most electrical contractors do not sell electric ranges. But it won't be long before range wiring will be important in every residence, apartment and housing project. For electric cooking is coming. Make no mistake.

If the electric range had been promoted as the electric refrigerator has been, it would be in as wide use today. It is only lack of advertising and the opposition of the gas interests that have held it back. But now the range is moving up and won't be stopped. Range wiring should be advocated in every job-ready for use.

## For A Strikeless Industry

Policemen at crossings prevent many accidents. Their mere presence acts as a restraint upon the reckless driver. Just so, the Council for Industrial Relations provides assurance against strikes.

In many cities now, the local agreement between contractors and union

calls for submission of disputes to the Council before resorting to the strike. That means that both sides must put their case on paper. Often they discover this way that they have no case and the trouble is patched up.

At the recent sitting of the Council on the Charleston case, a representative of IBEW made an impressive statement. "Our aim is a strikeless industry," he said. "For after every strike one side or the other has a chip on its shoulder and that brings more trouble. Disputes settled by agreement make friends. Strikes make enemies." This sound doctrine the Council is supporting.

## Good Idea Good Market

There is no romance in washing a piece of glass. Ask any housewife. That's why most lighting units are dirty. And the Revere Electric Company of Chicago has found by making tests on many gas stations that after three months, 36 per cent of the useful light is lost.

So they have staged a drive to the operators of these service stations, featuring a slogan poster reading—"Keep Floodlights Bright for Profit at Night". They furnish them to power companies who paste 'em in the gas stations somewhere and already 200,000 of them have been printed. It is a good idea this. And anybody can talk to the gas man about it and sell him better lighting if he needs it.

## Progress From Within

General Electric Company paid out \$32,570, the last six months, to employees who suggested ideas for improving methods and products. In all, 5,304 suggestions were accepted within this large organization. All of them were worth it.

Are you developing the idea resources within your organization?

## Hide Those Tubes

It seems as though we are drifting back to bare lamps. The vast majority of fluorescent lamp installations installed around the country during the last year are some variation of the

bare lamp idea. Exposed on ceilings and walls, with or without reflectors, lamps are often arranged in patterns, sometimes decorative but often without regard to any consideration excepting ease of installation.

But for some years we have been building up the public mind with the idea of "light conditioning," taking raw light from a lamp and by means of reflection, refraction and diffusion developing its highest efficiency for seeing. It may take 50 foot candles in potential illumination to provide 25 foot candles in useful light. But these principles are basic.

The introduction of the fluorescent lamp hasn't changed them, any more than when the novelty of the inside frosted lamp, years back, brought out a rash of bare lamp jobs. Compared with previous lamps, these were practically glareless. The same thing is now true of fluorescent lamps. But one of these days the novelty is going to wear off, and the reckoning will come.

We have taught the public to be fussy. This new and novel light source is no excuse for the industry to take a holiday from fundamental lighting principles.

## Back Talk

### Let Facts Rule

To The Editor—"I think you have done a splendid job in surveying and summarizing contractor opinion on the factual basis concerning the National Electrical Code changes which have been proposed by the power companies.

"Let's, by all means, rule out ill feeling and have proposals considered on a factual basis."

Wm. J. Wheeler, President  
The Maintenance Company, New York

The reaction Bill Wheeler expresses seems to be general. And how could it be otherwise? These are not matters of sentiment that are involved in the Code. They are matters of fact that should be provable on an engineering basis.

### Ask the Right Man

To the Editor—"I was very much interested in your editorial which appeared in the past issue of *Electrical Contracting* entitled "Who Knows But Us?" I want to let you know that we have already carried out the thought that you suggested. I am attaching a series of five newspaper ads, which will run in our territory, which suggest that the customers see the local electrical contractor."

L. A. Falk, Manager  
Dealer Cooperation Department  
Wisconsin Power & Light Co., Madison

These ads which the Wisconsin Power & Light Company are running are splendid. They are telling the public with cartoons and strong arguments that there should be plenty of places to plug in lights and appliances. The loss in comfort that comes when the wiring capacity is inadequate is featured. They refer the newspaper reader to the "Local Electrical Contractor"—which is as it should be.

## The Way Out

To the Editor—"Your editorial on the evils of conduit and wire protection is very much alive right now. I think that something is going to be done about it. I am enclosing a copy of our March Bulletin expressing our viewpoint. Many manufacturers told me that I have suggested the only cure."

A. J. McGivern, Managing Director  
Chicago Electrical Wholesalers Ass'n.

Mr. McGivern's published recommendations are:

1. Abolish absolutely all protections on wire and conduit as they are known today.
2. When prices advance, accept no orders for deferred shipment and no orders from a customer in excess of his credit limit.
3. On monumental jobs where conditions necessitate protection to the contractor, permit him to place a legally binding order through a wholesaler for the material required on the job, to be delivered as the job progresses. This order to be equitable, not subject to change in price.
4. When contractors and wholesalers are convinced of a manufacturer's sincerity to enforce such contracts, the contractor will make up his order from his work sheets for the quantities of material required on a job. There will be no diversions to keep new business in a turmoil and such contracts will not interfere with current business. No one will be treated unfairly.

These four suggestions offer a cure. There is no doubt of it. For they make an order binding and put an end to monkey business. It would put us back on the honest basis of fair dealing, where a man's word is his bond and he says what he means. All those who want to play fair say—"Aye!"

## False Protection

To the Editor—"Allow me to congratulate you on your very frank statement in your editorial in August wherein you so ably give the facts with reference to protection on contracts for wire and conduit. This is an evil that needs immediate correction. I believe that this much needed assistance to the wholesalers is important to the entire electrical industry. May the good work go on."

Leo Mayer, Contracting Engineer  
Hyland Electrical Supply Co., Chicago

This comment from an old contractor, now in the wholesale business, is appreciated. And as Grover Cleveland said, "The way to commence is to commence." Or did he say "resume". Anyhow it fits our need.

## More Stalls to Clean

To the Editor—"Your editorial 'Hercules is Dead' has interested me. This is another case where an industry abuse is thrown in the contractor's lap. I recognize full well the evil of specific job protection orders, but if you will go under the surface of this practice, you will find that the contracting group are in a minority when it comes to doubling up on the quantity of the job requirements.

"Recent information has come to me that in checking a number of protection orders placed by the wholesalers, more than 80 per cent of the contractors names used were fictitious. Our Association has checked protection orders where there was question of validity several times. In each case we were in a position to secure full information.

"I want to express my appreciation of your editorial and trust you will investigate some of the other stalls in the stable. It will require a couple of rivers like Alpheus and Peneus to clean out the accumulation, but it can be done."

A. L. Stone  
Executive Committeeman, Div. 9  
National Electrical Contractors Ass'n.  
Los Angeles.

This stall cleaning, of course, never stops but good cleaners can keep up with it. And a clean stable is better to work in. So we might as well take it seriously and do the best we can. And everybody ought to be willing to do his part. Thanks, Al Stone. We know you are.

# WIRING Methods

## HIGH TENSION

### CONDUITS

The wiring installation for flood-lighting Comiskey Field Baseball Park in Chicago, by the Henry Newgard & Co., Chicago electrical contractors, employed a high tension feeder system



**SPLICING CONDUCTORS** on high tension feeders for a baseball park lighting system. Pull box and conduits are painted red for identification.

from the switchboard vaults to the roof of the grandstand, distributing horizontally under the grandstand roof.

To distinguish the conduit system from all other piping and low tension circuits, pull boxes and conduits are painted a brilliant red.

### APPLIANCE TESTING

To many contracting concerns, the small household appliance repair jobs that come in over the counter are handled at a loss. The cost usually exceeds the nominal charge such work will bear. Nevertheless, the service is carried for the convenience of customers.

The Allied Electric Company in Chattanooga, Tennessee, has found that with convenient testing facilities this kind of work can be handled at a profit.



**FOR SMALL MOTORS**—Intricate test panel provides quick test of electrical appliances.

A large test board providing alternating and direct current at a variety of voltages, current limiting circuits, short-test circuits and means of quickly measuring electrical characteristics of the appliance cut down testing time and spot trouble without dismantling.

### MOUNTING PANELS

Multi-story buildings with panels on each floor directly above each other present a mounting problem. The H. P. Foley Company of Philadelphia solved this by installing two steel cables from the bottom to the top floor, with horizontal spacing wide enough to take the panel boxes. The cables were made taut with turnbuckles. The panel boxes were clamped to these cables and remained rigid while installing the feeders and building the walls.

Considerable saving in labor resulted.

### VENTILATING LOCKER ROOMS

A new trick in ventilating gymnasium locker rooms is to pull the air out of the room through the lockers. This withdraws at the source the odors from the clothing stored in the lockers.

Lockers in the University of California gymnasium, at Berkeley, are



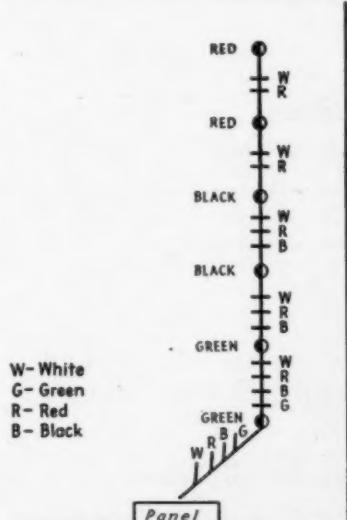
**LOCKER JOB**—Air is drawn from these metal lockers to prevent odors from clothing.

fitted with a double back, the chamber being used as an air duct. Main air ducts tap the lockers from the top, as shown in the picture.

Contractors can use this idea to develop ventilation business in private gymnasiums, locker rooms in factories, and other places in which worn clothing is kept. It will sell fans and wiring.

### COLOR CODED PLANS

The H. P. Foley Company, in Philadelphia, uses a unique yet simple set of color coded plans on installations involving a large number of lighting circuits. Black and white prints of the layout are made. The number of wires in each conduit is indicated by



**COLOR ON THE PLANS**—Colored pencils are used on black and white plans to identify color coded circuits and outlets.

# A NEW... LOW COST... SMALL SIZE TRUMBULL TYPE "MO" MULTI-BREAKER



## *Right* for These Reasons

Basically THE SAME design and construction as Trumbull "M" and "MB" Multi-Breakers.

Extremely COMPACT, with entire mechanism enclosed in Textolite unit base, attached to cover.

EASY TO WIRE because cover and breaker are removable as a unit. Ample wiring space in box. Aluminized finish of inside of box facilitates inspection and wiring.

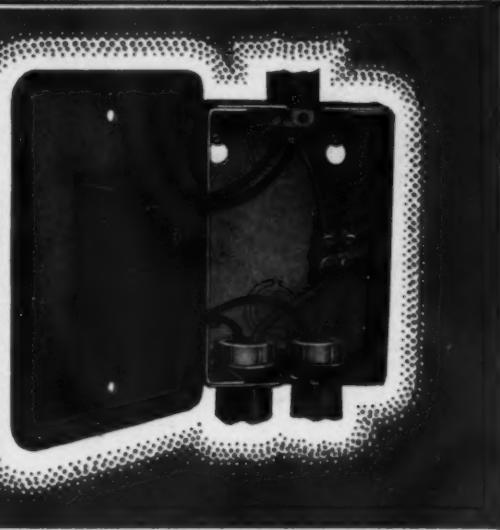
TAMPER PROOF... calibration sealed at factory, cannot be changed. Indicating handle trips free . . . cannot be held closed against short circuit. Breaker handles can be sealed in "off" position with wire seal, also provision for sealing cover if specified.

AVAILABLE for flush or surface mounting with insulated grounded neutral in same size compact box, with grounded neutral or no neutral.

LOW MAINTENANCE COST . . . nothing to replace . . . nothing to repair . . . nothing to corrode.

## *Right* for These Applications

- For protecting motor circuits.
- For use with additional circuits where installations have already been made.
- In homes, cottages, apartments and farm buildings, where one 2 pole or two single pole circuits are required.
- 15-20-25 ampere capacities.
- Making modern Trumbull circuit breaker protection available to new thousands of electrical contractor customers and prospects at a cost comparable with that of ordinary fused switches.



There's a ready and waiting market among YOUR customers and prospects for this newest addition to the Trumbull Line of Multi-Breakers. Be among the first in your territory to sell this modern, more convenient and SAFER type of protection for the purposes listed above.

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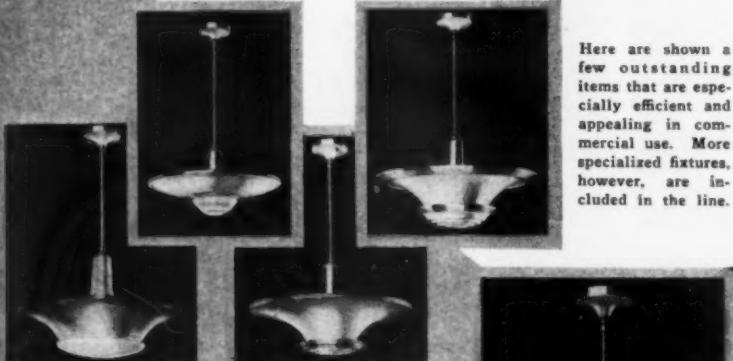
PRODUCTS THAT ARE RIGHT FOR THE JOB SERVICE THROUGH WHOLESALERS AND CONTRACTORS WHO ARE RIGHT ON THE JOB

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 Plus Greater Decorative Appeal  
**FOR COMMERCIAL INSTALLATIONS**

*With*  
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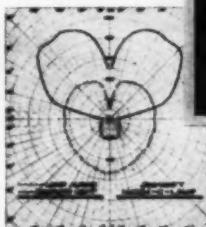
Always mindful of the need for a finer type of commercial illumination, Art Metal offers you lighting creations that combine the three essentials of good lighting . . . adequate illumination, avoidance of glare, and avoidance of too great contrast in light and dark spots . . . with simplicity of design and smart styling that make interiors more appealing. With Art Metal fixtures you can be sure of the most efficient light intensity for all the widely divergent commercial services, such as found in auditoriums, showrooms, shops, offices, schools, libraries, banks, and clubs.

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9. Extremely high output
10. Good low cost lighting
11. Molded to Art Metal specifications by G.E.



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Please send me free copy of Booklet C-140.

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**FREE . . .**  
 this new commercial booklet, C-140, with complete specifications on the Art Metal line, will help you specify truly engineered illumination.

**WIRING**  
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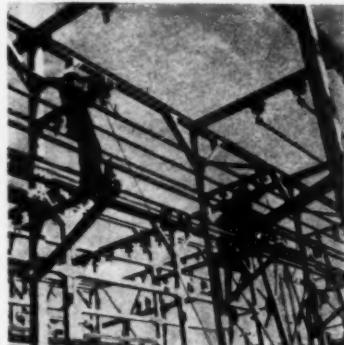
standard method. But the marks are made with colored pencils or crayons, each colored mark indicating the color of the wire to be pulled in the conduit.

Home runs to the panels have colored arrows, each arrow corresponding to the color of the circuit wire. Outlets earmarked with colors indicate the wires to which they are connected. For example, on a three phase, 4 wire lighting system the color code might be white for the grounded neutral conductor and red, black and green for the three hot legs.

By using a set of these plans a crew of men can go along pulling in the wires indicated without hesitating to decide where each one goes. A second crew can follow and connect all the outlets. This places the responsibility in the hands of the engineer and non-productive "study" time is eliminated—also, the necessity of reconnections because of incorrect circuiting.

**BUS  
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Tubular copper bus for outdoor substation work requires unusually careful handling in installation. Approximately 22,000 lb. of this type of bus work is being installed in a municipal substation at Memphis, Tennessee, by the Shelby Electric Company of that city.



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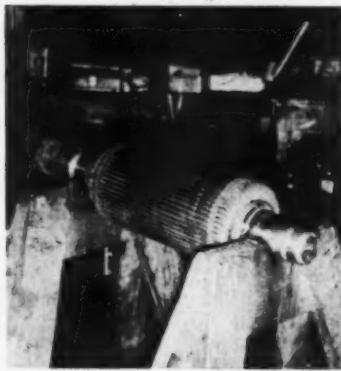
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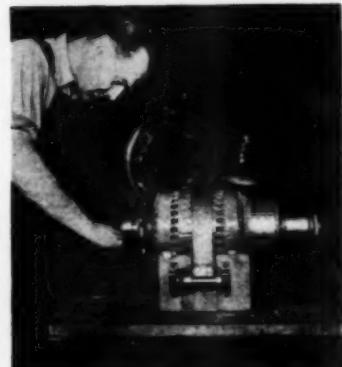
trolled by a snap switch. An ammeter and wattmeter in the supply circuit indicates any unusual armature performance.

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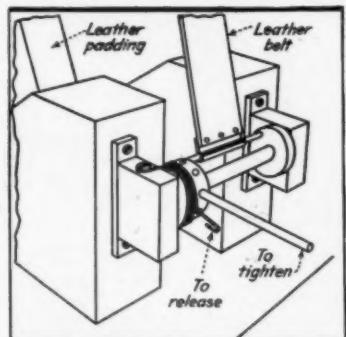
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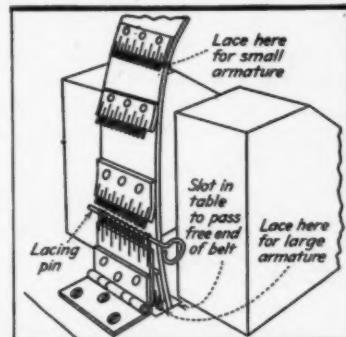
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bility of inflicting injuries. It is difficult to hold an armature by hand, or to keep an armature of any appreciable size from rolling while ball bearing lock-nuts are being tightened.

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# Questions ON THE Code

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## Grounding Connections

**Q.** "We are required to install on all services a meter box furnished by the Utility supplying current, which is placed in the service line ahead of the service main switch and located outside of building. It is often more convenient to ground from this point than from the service switch located usually just inside building. These meter boxes are equipped with approved terminal and test blocks, also a large ground lug with approved solderless connections.

Our inspection department does not allow us to put either the neutral wire or the ground conductor under this solderless lug. Instead it requires that we use a Burndy Servit or similar connector to make up the ground connection to neutral line and leave it hanging loose and untaped in the meter box. We cannot see the advisability of doing this and it is some extra expense."—R.R.

**A.** The Code, in the first and second sentences of paragraph 2535, requires that the neutral conductor of the service be grounded in the service switch box. Generally the grounding conductor is then run directly out of this box to the water pipe or other grounding electrode.

However, if it is more convenient to run the grounding conductors from the service switch back through the service conduit to the meter box and thence to the grounding electrode (such as to an outside driven ground rod), the Code does not prohibit it; although the ground wire must be continuous from the service switch box to the grounding electrode and must not be broken in the meter cabinet. There should be no objection to connecting the neutral of the service to this ground wire again in the meter cabinet, if so desired; but this does not waive the requirement for the connection in the service switch box.

## Disconnection For Neutral

**Q.** "We will greatly appreciate your simplification of the contradictory attitude of Section 2351 and Section 3801 of the 1937 Edition of the National Electrical Code. We have a 200 ampere three-wire main switch with two switch poles and two fuses with solid neutral that we wish to use as a main switch on a 115-230 volt service. What is wrong?"—L.J.H.

**A.** There is really no contradiction in the two rules referred to. Section 2351 General, requires that a readily accessible means of disconnection be provided for all service conductors. Section 2351C requires that where the service switch does not disconnect the grounded conductor, some other means be provided to disconnect this grounded wire from the interior wiring system.

This is generally effected by the use of a neutral strap or bus to which the service neutral, as well as the house neutral also the grounding conductor, may be attached by means of separate connections. The disconnection of the neutral is accomplished by disconnecting it from the strap.

Section 3801 requires that no switch shall disconnect the grounded conductor unless it also simultaneously disconnects the ungrounded conductor or conductors, unless the switch is so arranged that it cannot open the grounded conductor until the ungrounded conductors have first been opened. The use of a double pole, double fused switch on a three-wire grounded neutral service is permissible, provided a neutral strap or bus is provided. Spliced neutral connections at this point are not approved.

## Size of Service Switch

**Q.** "Kindly make this question clear. According to the 1937 Code, can a 30-amp. 3-wire service entrance switch serve a fuse cabinet with 2 15-amp. lighting circuits and two 20-amp. appliance circuits?"—A. C. B.

**A.** No! Section 2357 is quite specific on this and says that "except by special permission 30 ampere service switches shall not be used for a two wire service supplying more than two 15-amp. branch circuits.

In the above question, we have a 15-amp. branch circuit and a 20-amp. branch circuit on each side of the three wire service and 15 plus 20 is more than 2 by 15 which equals 30.

## Circuit Breaker vs. Fuse

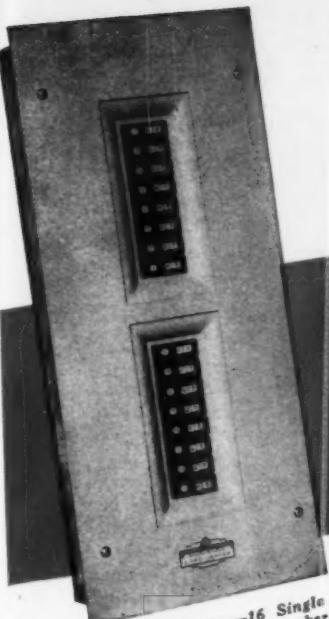
**Q.** "I installed a circuit breaker in a residence and a carpenter plugged his buzz saw motor into a circuit which had a 15 amp. breaker. He had a plug fuse mounted on his motor and had a 20 amp. fuse in it and on sawing claimed he blew the 20 amp. fuse out several times on heavy sawing load but the 15 amp. breaker never tripped. Does this indicate defective breaker?"—A.C.B.

**A.** No! This occurrence in itself does not indicate a defective circuit breaker. Such occurrences are continually taking place and have led to much confusion due to a misunderstanding of use and circuit breaker characteristics.

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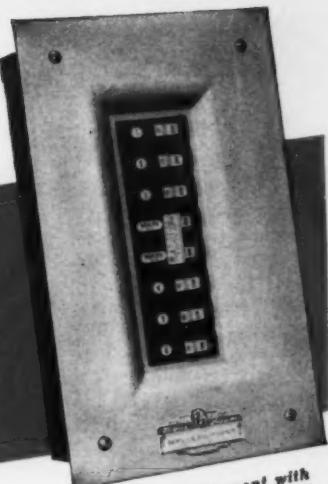


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writers' Laboratories' specifications which is one without so called "time lag", while the circuit breaker was of the thermal type having a definite time lag.

Had the fuse been one of the time lag type (or "Option B"), it would have been a toss-up whether the fuse or the circuit breaker would have operated first.

Again, had the breaker been of the magnetic or instantaneous type or the fuse one of the time lag type, the action reported would have been reversed and the breaker would undoubtedly have operated first. But, also it should be kept in mind that had the 20 amp. fuse not been in the circuit, the 15 amp. breaker would have operated before the motor or the wires had over heated.

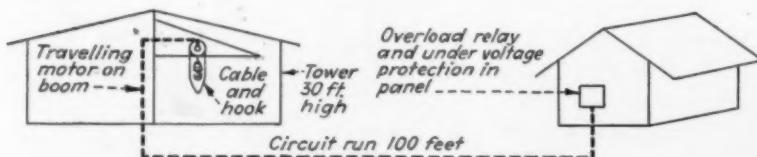
### 3 No. 6 Wires In 1" Conduit

**Q.** "Is it permissible to install 3 #6 rubber covered wires in 1" conduit for services? The Code permits this on interior wiring but there is some question as to whether or not it is permissible for services. I refer to three fully insulated #6 wires and not a bare neutral."—A.M.S.

**A.** The fine print note following Table 2 of Chapter 9, is part of the table and the whole table governs the size of conduit to be selected, according to the number and size of the conductors to be pulled into it. This note specifically states that, "Where a run of conduit or electric metallic tubing does not exceed 50' in length and does not contain more than the equivalent of two quarter bends from end to end, 3 #6 stranded conductors may be installed in a 1" conduit." This therefore is permissible both for service work and for interior wiring.

### Motor Trouble

**Q.** "Recently a 3 h.p., 3 phase, 220 volt motor burned out. This is a hoist motor and is located according to the following sketch:



"Is there a definite rule or other means of knowing how many feet away from the motor the overload protection should be located? Is it possible that in this instance the overload protection to this motor is too far back on the line to fully protect the motor? Is there any difference where this protection is located to protect motor and what are the limits to watch for?"—A.C.B.

**A.** The location or distance away from the over current protective devices does not affect the protection afforded. The type and ratings of the protective devices should be carefully checked, as if properly selected according to the rating of the motor, they would have protected the motor from over currents.

Of course, the length of run from the service to the motor would affect the motor operation. If the wires were not of sufficient size, the long run would present sufficient resistance to effect a drop in voltage at the motor. This would cause the motor to slow down and therefore to draw an over current to perform its rated horse power.

### Solid Neutral

**Q.** "In the case of a single phase, three wire 115-230 volt service, is it allowable to use a two pole two fuse entrance switch and take the neutral wire right on through the switch enclosure to panel? This means that no connection would be made in the enclosure other than a soldered connection to the ground conductor if the ground is made in enclosure, or no connection whatever in the entrance switch box if ground is made in the meter box enclosure? We contend that a three pole solid neutral type of switch should be used, which provides a neutral bus with at least three lugs, one for line, one for line out and one for ground conductor."—R.R.

**A.** No. The Code in Section 2351-c requires that some means shall be provided in the service entrance switch enclosure for disconnecting the grounded service conductor from the interior wiring system. If this is not accomplished by the service switch then some other means must be provided, such as a bolted connection or a connection strip. A three pole switch with two fuses or a two pole switch and a neutral strap would be acceptable.

### Grounding Refrigerators

**Q.** "A customer has read an article in 'Consumers' Union' a magazine put out by the Union of Consumers, regarding the grounding of refrigerators, and is upset because her refrigerator, a Kelvinator, is not grounded. I haven't seen any household refrigerators with the outside cabinet grounded (to water pipe or equal) and wish to know if it is good or necessary. If it is why do not manufacturers provide proper means for grounding?"

"The refrigerator in question seems to be sectionalized electrically with outside casing in that sides, top and front are insulated from each other by rubber gaskets. In addition the porcelain enamel should be an insulator to prevent shocks should a ground occur within the machine and reach the outside casing. This seems to leave only the door handle and hinges to be grounded."

"Yet quite recently I found a case where the metal trim on the walls of the kitchen being grounded somehow gave a path to ground from the door handle of the refrigerator. (I'll not name make). A fairly sharp shock could be felt as one opened the door and touched metal trim with elbow."—H.I.L.

**A.** This inquiry is very interesting and brings up a very important matter. Our correspondent did not quote the "Consumers' Union's" article but evidently they recommended the grounding of the metal parts of an electric refrigerator. Such grounding is not required by the National Electrical Code but is recommended, and the recommendation is good and should be followed for safety's sake.

As refrigerators, of the household type, are generally portable appliances, the grounding of them is governed by Code rule 2518, which, as stated above, does not make the grounding mandatory. The fine print note following 2518c says, "It is recommended that the frames of portable motors be grounded when this can readily be accomplished."

This grounding of the motor would, in most cases, also ground the rest of the metal part of the refrigerator. But if not, the same grounding means for the motor could be used for other metal parts.

While the simple grounding of the frame of the motor would eliminate probably 75 per cent of the hazard, there are, generally, other electrical connections than the motor from which the refrigerator frame may become liveened. There are, generally, the lamp socket, the automatic motor switch and the general control switch and their attendant wiring. The Electrical Inspectors for years have been advocating mandatory rules for the grounding of metal frames of portable electrical appliances.

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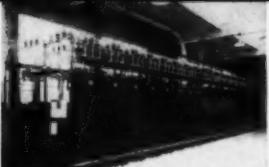
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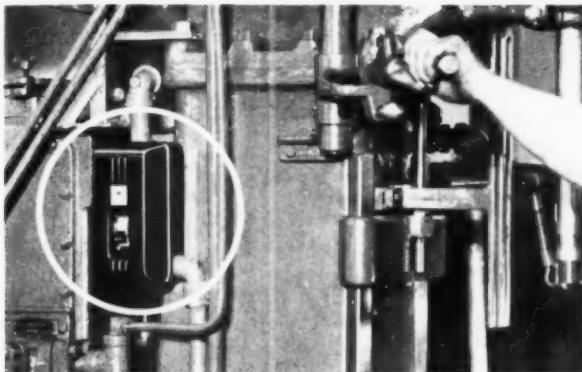
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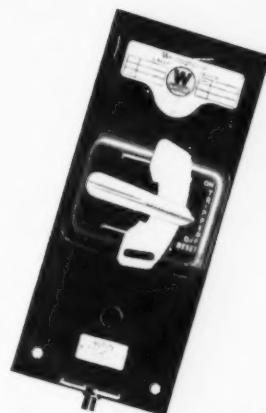


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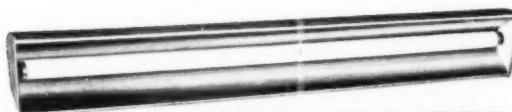
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For the first time, industrial plants and other users demanding color corrections may have accurate color rendition without heavy light loss through filters. Where materials must be matched in tone, Fluorescent units will be found the correct type of illumination. All Westinghouse Fluorescent units are equipped with suppressors to eliminate radio interference.

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TWO-LAMP FLUORESCENT REFLECTOR



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### **EXCLUSIVE LOCKLITE PRINCIPLE**

For ideal general plant illumination, Westinghouse provides the exclusive Locklite Reflector line for incandescent lamps. This new connecting principle cuts maintenance costs... is safer... gives complete interchangeability of seven reflector types. Locklite lights as it locks. More and more customers are asking about Locklite. Be prepared to tell them the story of this new money-saving Westinghouse line.



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DOING A SWELL  
WIRING JOB FOR  
YOU, WILSON

YOU BET! WHEN A CONTRACTOR  
RECOMMENDS AND USES QUALITY WIRING  
DEVICES LIKE **BRYANT**, YOU CAN BE  
PRETTY SURE HE'S FIRST CLASS

NEXT  
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TOMORROW ABOUT  
A JOB I'VE GOT.



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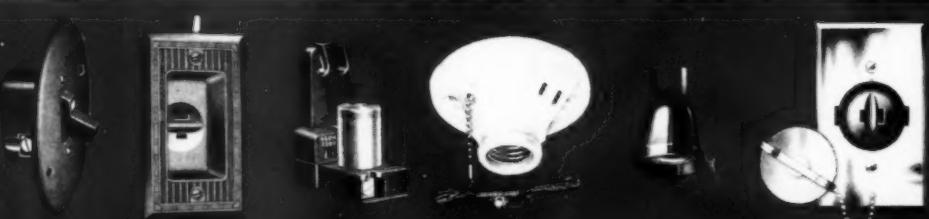
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Speedy conduit installation reduces labor costs... increases your profit on the job. So it's just plain good business to use a proven time-saver like Bermico. The natural light weight of this sturdy fibre conduit makes handling easy and speeds laying-up in the trench. Special Bermico non-split coupling eliminates time losses incurred in replacing broken couplings. Every joint is quick-fitting, water-tight. Strong virgin wood fibre imparts the toughness to resist shocks, blows and

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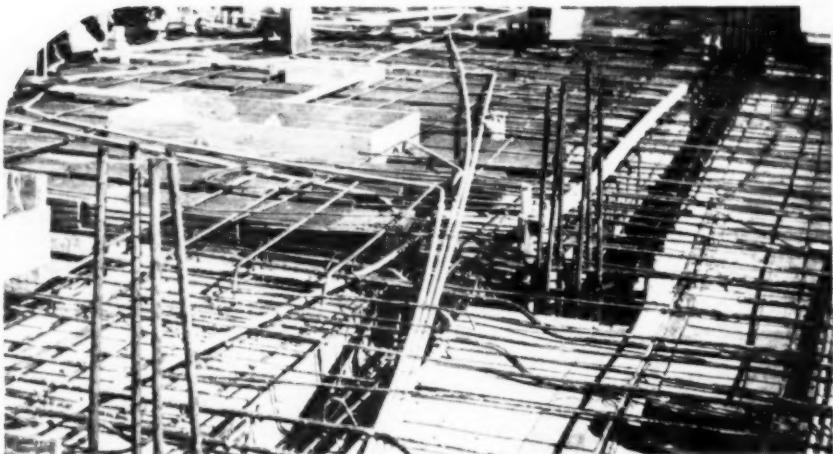
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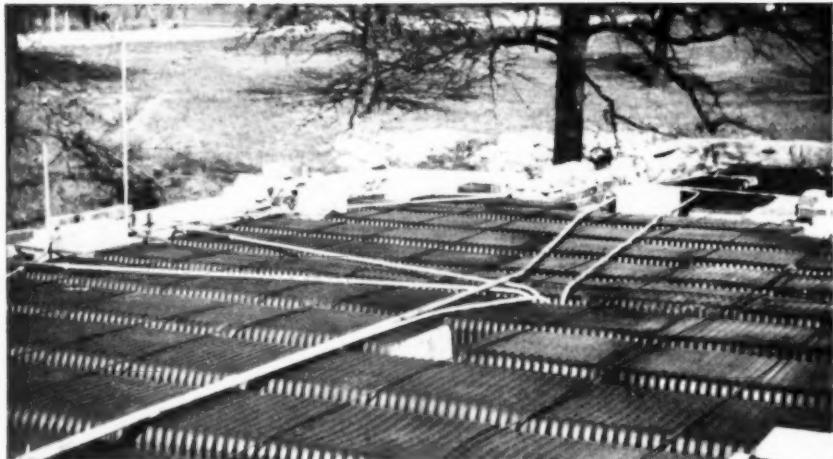
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Long runs, such as shown in this photo of the St. Agnes Old Folks Home, Kirkwood, Mo., wired in 35,000 feet of ELECTRUMITE Steeltubes by Carl Schaeffer Electric Co., are easily made. With Steeltubes, it's not necessary to turn the entire line.

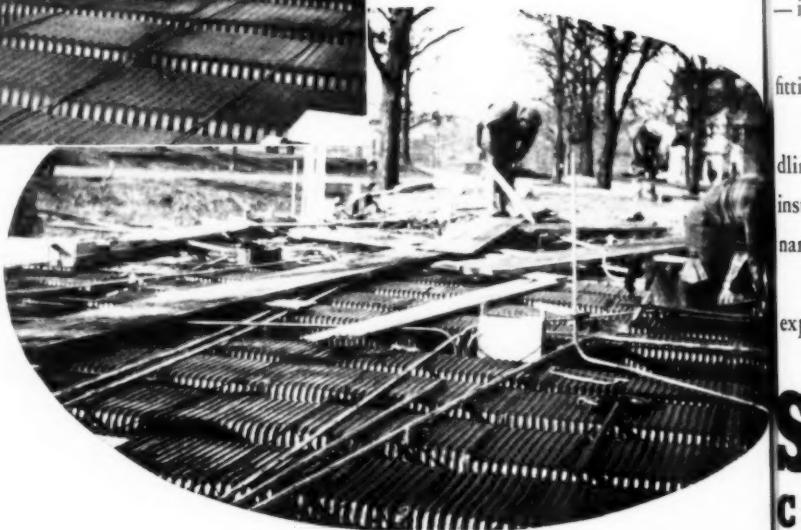
Another view of ELECTRUMITE Steeltubes used in wiring the St. Agnes Old Folks Home. Notice the smooth, accurate — because ELECTRUMITE tubes bend without distortion.



## You can Save Money with STEELTUBES



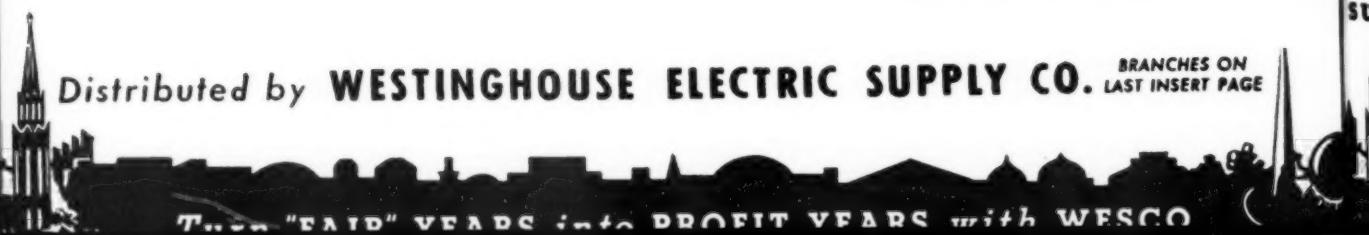
The larger modern residences are swinging to concrete construction, as shown in these photos of a residence in St. Louis, Mo. Such structures need sound wiring equally as much as do large commercial buildings — and they need it at an economical price. That's why the W. C. Burton Electric Co. used ELECTRUMITE Steeltubes in wiring this job. Steeltubes is available in seven sizes to provide for all types of construction — large or small.



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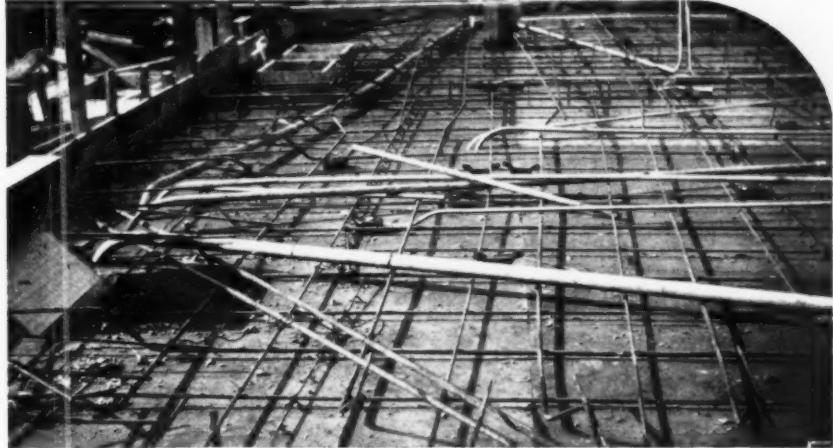
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Use ELECTRUNITE Steeltubes on your next job—in concrete or exposed. Then figure the difference in cost—and in profit.

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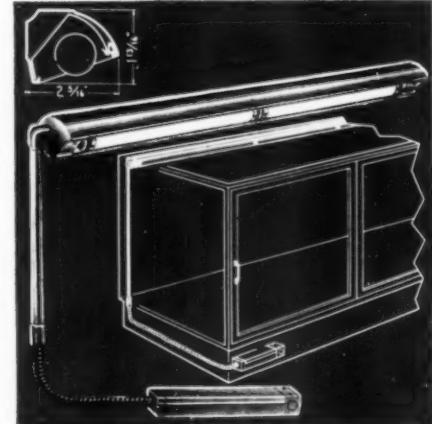
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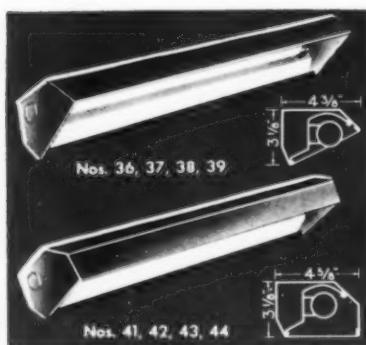
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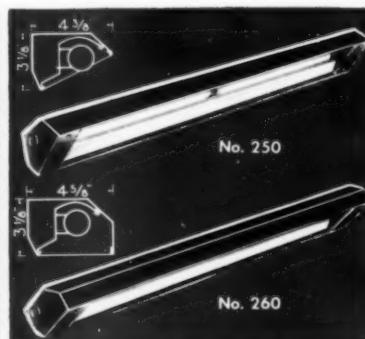


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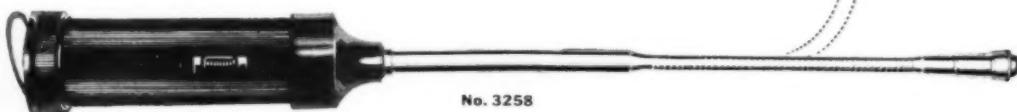
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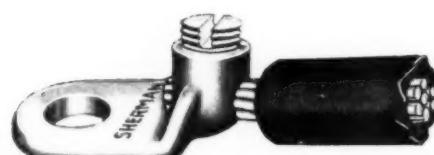
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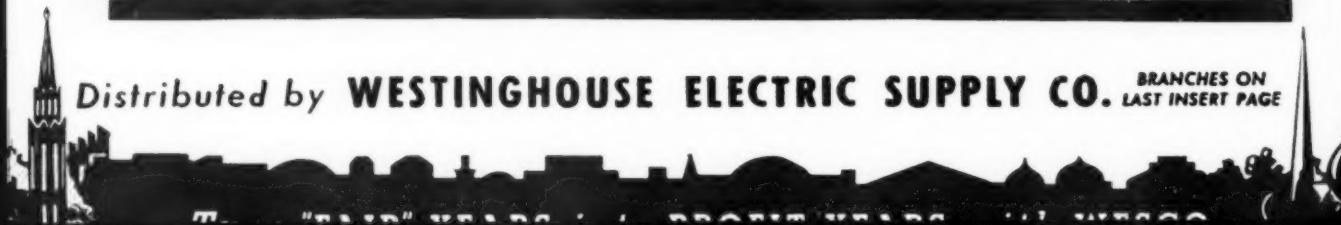


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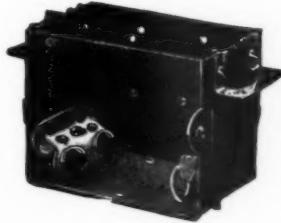
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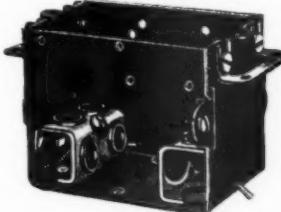
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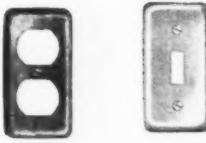
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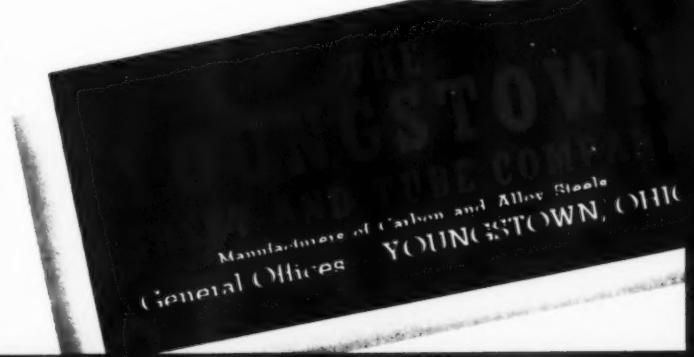
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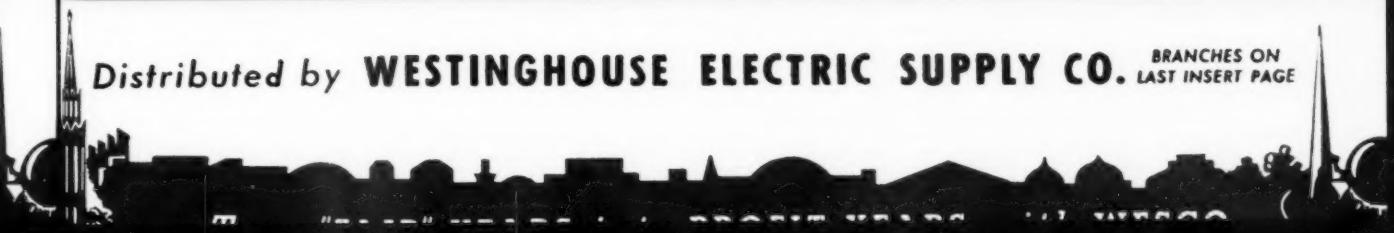
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## FLUORESCENT FOR SERVICE STATIONS

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On top of the canopy, in outline, are 30 milliamper 15 millimeter daylight



**FLUORESCENT PLUS NEON**—Tube lighting has been used throughout to get this effect with a combination of red and green.

fluorescent tubes. The tower is lighted with a combination of red neon and green fluorescent tubing. The lower ring is red neon 30 milliamper, 12 millimeter, the second ring fluorescent tubing and the third fluorescent "novial" green. The "Flying A" is fluorescent green tubing 30 milliamper, 15 millimeter on the wings. The "A" is red neon 30 milliamper, 12 millimeter.

## MODERN STORE LIGHTING COMBINATION

The A1 Baskin store, Joliet, Illinois, is an excellent example of tailored lighting. This newly remodeled store employs both filament and fluorescent

lamps, and makes use of cove lighting, totally indirect lighting from pendant units, and downlighting to achieve a distinctive sales room.

The picture shows the front section illuminated to 48 f.c., a combination of indirect and direct lighting. The indirect is provided by a ceiling cove equipped with 28 warm white fluorescent 36-inch lamps; the direct by downlights with 200-watt lamps.

To the right where customers make hat selections, downlights with 200-watt lamps give 60 f.c. To the left, the shirt department is lighted indirectly by three louver dome units set in 5-foot ceiling coffers, with 500 watt lamps, and 30 f.c. is obtained.

This same type of lighting in the center of the store has six 30-inch ceiling coffers with 300-watt lamps, combined with 16 fluorescent lamps—36-inch warm whites—located in ceiling coves on three sides of the room.

The suit department, in the rear, has 45 footcandles of fluorescent and incandescent lighting. Twenty 36-inch and twenty-five 18-in warm white, are located in the recesses of a 12-foot plateau ceiling. The filament lamps are in ten recessed 200-watt downlights and two 500-watt indirect units.



**TAILORED LIGHTING**—A combination of fluorescent and filament lamps in cove, pendants and downlighting gives this store distinction.



## LIGHTING THE TELLER'S CAGE

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This cool light is ideal for lighting teller's cages. This picture shows two of the cages in the Monongahela Trust Co., Homestead, Pa. lighted by two 15-watt daylight lamps, beneath the ledge.

## COMBINATION LIGHT

### IN AUDITORIUM

A highly effective combination of fluorescent tube cove lighting and high intensity direct incandescent units in the ceiling is provided in the demonstration space and auditorium at the new Peoples Power Company building in Rock Island, Illinois. The installation, made by Leithner & Weishar, Electrical Contractors of Rock Island, consists of a continuous row of daylight fluorescent tubes concealed in a cove completely surrounding the room.



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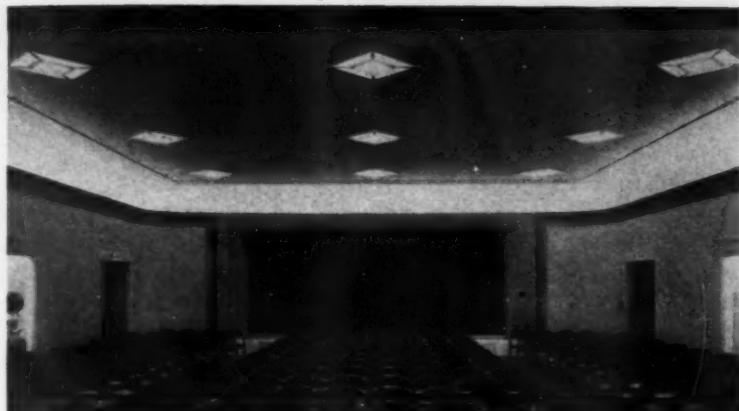
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General lighting of ten footcandles throughout the auditorium may be provided from this source alone.

For higher intensities, there are 12 special units set flush in the ceiling, consisting of a central reflector equipped with a 500-watt lamp and prismatic lens glass. The central reflector is surrounded by eight amber colored lamps covered with flashed opal glass giving a decorative band of gold around the fixture.



FLUORESCENT PLUS H.I.—Demonstration hall in the new Rock Island Peoples Power Company building uses high intensity diffused general illumination from ceiling fixtures plus concealed cove lighting from daylight fluorescent lamps.

### LIGHTING FOR THE BAKERY

Bakery goods are bought to satisfy the sense of taste, so the baker creates pastries that look so good they make our mouths water. But the first appeal is to the sense of sight.

The store illustrated, the New York Bakery in Rochester, is utilizing light-

ing to its full extent as a sales agent. Six 500-watt indirect units, supplemented by six 200-watt recessed downlights, provided 35 footcandles of general lighting with 75 footcandles over the counter tops. The shadow boxes and the register niche are illuminated by a line of 60-watt white Lumiline lamps and the case panel lights by 25-watt lamps on 7-inch centers.



MOUTH WATERER—This lighting sells pastry through eye appeal in a Rochester bakery, with five kinds of lighting, but it also stimulates the sense of taste.

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# Estimating

## TROUGH LIGHTING

A recent installation of trough lighting in a millinery store gave the following interesting labor data:

Approximately 100 feet of 4" x 4" trough, in straight sections, was installed. The trough was lined with a snap-in reflecting surface with  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch nipple extensions, on 12 inch centers, for angle sockets. The trough was built to order in 6 foot to 10 foot sections to fit the cases, and mounted on wood at a 7 foot height behind a dropped curtain wall.

*Wiring sockets*—includes assembling and wiring the sockets in the shop. Time per socket .18 m.h.

*Trough wiring*—includes mounting, assembling, and wiring the trough, mounting the sockets and all splices. Does not include wiring to the junction boxes, which were already installed. Time per foot .12 m.h. The above time study does not include non-productive or supervisory labor.

From Continental Electric Construction Company, Chicago, Illinois.

## EFFICIENCY IN CHECKING ESTIMATES

To eliminate fumbling through a sheaf of estimate sheets and to promote general efficiency in checking estimates, H. P. Foley Company, Philadelphia contractor, has set up a system that works. Here's how:

The estimating forms are made of several different colors and grades of paper. The branch circuit schedule sheet is white and of a thin quality paper. The feeder schedule sheet is light green and of a slightly heavier bond. The conduit and wire summary sheet is a buff color. Two pricing and one recapitulation sheets are white and of a much heavier bond. These pricing sheets are slightly wider so they catch the thumb easily. These features enable the estimator to quickly find what he wants when he wants it.

## ODD SCALES

When plans are drawn to any other scale than the customary one-eighth, mark each drawing affected in large characters in colored pencil through the title box. Take-off sheets affected should also be marked conspicuously with a colored pencil to set them off from other sheets.

## REWIRING CLOCK SYSTEM

The rewiring of an automatic electric clock and signal system in 44 rooms of a Boy's Vocational School provided an opportunity to make a careful study of the labor used in doing the work. The building was 15 years old and there were no wiring plans showing the circuiting. All work was concealed in the walls.

The original systems included clock and bell circuits and an inter-room telephone system. Only 50 per cent of the clock system was in operating condition due to broken conduits and wires and low voltage at the clock stations.

Under the new plans, the telephone system was abandoned and all clock and bell circuits were rewired. The rewired clocks operated in series on 4 circuits with a maximum of 14—12 in. clocks per circuit. One 18 in. clock was



A. H. KESSLER, promotion director of North Central Associated Electrical Industries and Wm. A. Ritt, secretary-manager of the Minn. Elec. Council, rest together for a moment at the recent state meeting in Alexandria.

considered the equivalent of three 12 in. clocks. The bells operated on a multiple circuit with one common wire and an individual return from each bell to a pushbutton station on the 50-station manual board in the office.

The job actually consisted of:

### A. Preliminary work:

- (1) Tracing and checking original circuits.
- (2) Removing blackboards and other materials to gain access to splice and pull boxes.
- (3) Making a detailed circuit drawing of the new system and incorporating it with a drawing of the present conduit system.

### B. Taking down and remounting:

- (1) 26 buzzers—24 volts d.c.
- (2) 18—6 in. bells—24 volts d.c.
- (3) 44—12 inch clocks in classrooms.
- (4) 3—18 inch clocks in gymnasium and auditoriums.
- (5) 1 master clock—relocated in office.
- (6) Removing all old wire.

### C. Installing new equipment:

- (1) 1 rectifier and transformer to replace original batteries for operation of bells.
- (2) 1—50 station manual bell push board to work in conjunction with automatic tapes on program clock.

(3) 50 ft. No. 1000 wiremold recessed in walls to tie in the unused telephone conduits with the program clock. These telephone conduits had to be used because some of the original signal system conduits were broken or filled with fused circuit wires.

(4) Pulling in new wire in all circuits and making all connections.

All present conduits and outlet boxes were used. The only new raceway installed was that between the telephone box and the program clock.

The recorded labor breakdown for the entire job is as follows:

1. Preliminary tracing of circuits and making new circuit diagrams, 72 man hours

2. Removing 47 clocks and 47 bells and buzzers. Some of the bells and buzzers were incorporated in the clocks,

18 man hours

3. Removing old wire from conduits, 70 man hours

Of this 70 man hours, 40 were wasted in trying to pull out wires in the two key conduits leading from the master and program clocks. This was finally abandoned and the telephone conduits were used with a wiremold tie-in to the program clock.

4. Making 50 ft. chase,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  in. deep and  $2\frac{1}{2}$  in. wide, in plaster wall of office to recess wiremold ..... 8 man hours

Average per foot ..... .16 man hours

5. Installing 50 feet of No. 1000 wiremold with two box connections and one 90 degree inside ell ..... 4 man hours

Average per foot ..... .08 man hours

6. Pulling in 20,000 feet of No. 16 and 10,000 feet of No. 10 solid rubber covered Code grade wire. Average branch circuit was 80 ft. long with 3 bends in it,

96 man hours

One home run was 160 ft. long and the other 290 ft. long without a pull box in either one.

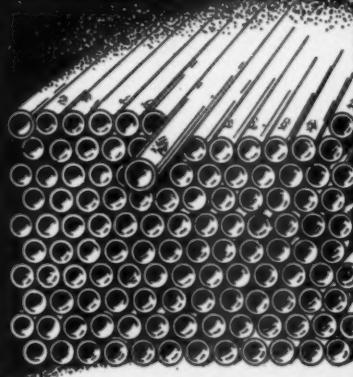
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7. Remounting all clocks. 24 man hours  
8. Making all connections 89 man hours

Total productive labor on entire job ..... 369 man hours

9. Supervision—Electrical Contractor ..... 30 man hours  
Supervision — Clock Manufacturer ..... 24 man hours

Total labor on job.... 423 man hours

Data from E. J. White Co., Newark, N. J.

### FUNCTIONAL INDEX

In transferring material lists from the take-off sheet to the pricing sheet, careful checking of each item can insure against error in detail. However, to prevent omitting entire take-off sheets or complete operations, the arrangement and tabulation of the pricing sheets should follow a standard pattern that can be adapted to all types of jobs.

Any kind of schedule that is reasonably logical may be adopted, providing that once such a schedule is adopted the estimator sticks to it. And, if there are several estimators in the shop, they should all adopt the same method. But many estimators consider the "functional" index as the most logical and safest method of arranging pricing sheets.

This method lists each major job operation separately and assigns one pricing sheet to each of the major operations. The rotation of the pricing sheets then follows, as nearly as possible, the same schedule as the operations would follow on the job, or the approximate schedule of material purchases.

This titling of pricing sheets and their rotation on a typical small school job, would be:

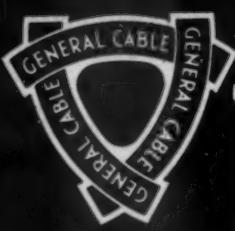
Sheet No. 1—*Service entrance*. This would include all of the work up to, and including, the service entrance switch and any overhead or underground work.

Sheet No. 2—*Panel boards and cabinets*. As this is one of the first items in the take-off and also one of the first items purchased when the job is started, a separate pricing sheet should be devoted to it. The labor unit would be extended on each panel, with probably only a single entry in the material price column.

Sheet No. 3—*Feeder conduits*. This would include all of the feeder conduit work including hangers and any special pull boxes required.

Sheet No. 4—*Branch circuit roughing*. Include all branch circuits, conduits, outlet boxes, involved in the roughing in operations on power and light circuits.

Sheet No. 5—*Signal circuit roughing*. Include all conduits, pull boxes, and outlets for all of the low voltage and signal equipment.



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Sheet No. 6—*Feeder wire*. Include all wires for feeder circuits, with connectors and any operations having to do with the pulling-in or connection of the feeders.

Sheet No. 7—*Branch circuit finishing*. Include circuit wiring and wiring devices.

Sheet No. 8—*Signal wiring*. Include all conductors and cables and connecting equipment concerned in the signal circuits.

Sheet No. 9—*Signal equipment*. Includes clocks, gongs, fire alarms, special apparatus.

Sheet No. 10—*Motors and control*. Includes motors, bases, controls, mounting frames, and operations having to do with installation after the wiring is complete.

Sheet No. 11—*Fixtures*.

This type of functional outline can be elaborated or reduced to fit practically any type of job that the estimator may encounter. The principal advantage is that even one relatively unfamiliar with the job can skim over the pricing sheet titles, on the re-cap sheet, and determine whether a complete job is listed.

## MACHINE THREADING

Light-weight, portable power machines for conduit cutting and threading have extended the electrical contractors' use of pipe threading machines to all sizes of conduit. The pipe threading machine now works up on the deck, and pipe threading costs in the branch circuit sizes are reduced. The inconvenience of dispatching nipples from the pipe machine to the mechanics on the forms, which often made it impractical to use machine cutting and threading on conduit under 1½ inch, is now eliminated.

The accompanying tables show the results of a time study comparison between hand cutting and threading and power cutting and threading on a vise stand type of portable pipe machine. (Oster No. 422). The machine has a ½ hp. motor and spindle for use with ordinary hand stocks and dies. These figures apply to the actual operations and do not include such factors as measuring and handling.

#### Power Vise Stand Speeds as Compared to Hand Threading

Hand Method (Time in minutes and seconds)	Pipe Size	½"	¾"	1"	1 ¼"	1 ½"	2"
Cutting-off.....	33	30	1-00	1-06	1-12	1-36	
Reaming.....	12	24	27	30	39	48	
Threading.....	1-30	1-45	3-00	3-30	4-00	5-00	
Total.....	2-15	2-51	4-27	5-15	5-51	7-21	

#### Power Vise Stand Time (Time in minutes and seconds)

Pipe Size	½"	¾"	1"	1 ¼"	1 ½"	2"
Cutting-off.....	12	15	18	21	24	27
Reaming.....	7	10	11	12	13	14
Threading.....	55	1-00	1-07	1-08	1-11	1-13
Total.....	1-14	1-25	1-36	1-42	1-48	1-54

#### Saving Created by Use of Power Vise Stand

Pipe Size	½"	¾"	1"	1 ¼"	1 ½"	2"
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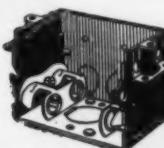
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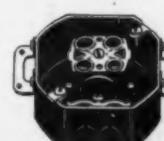
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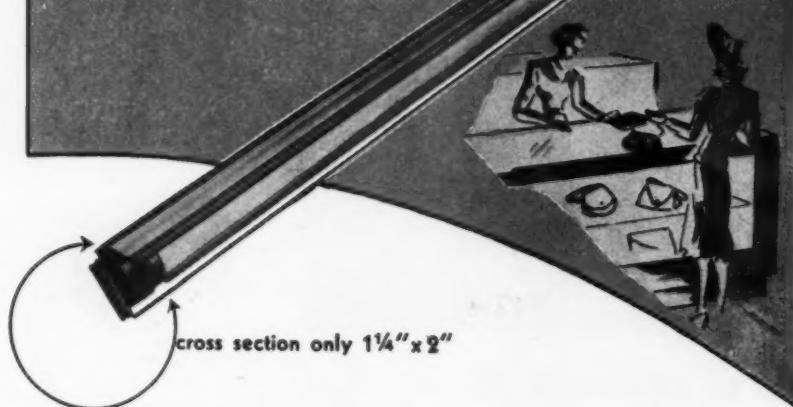


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2. **Advertising**—A recent mail advertising campaign to 4000 industrial and commercial prospects, paid for by the Association, "certified" the members of this group and stimulated plant modernization.
3. **Industrial Shows**—For eight years Industrial Trade Shows have presented progress in electrical equipment and practice to architects, purchasing agents, consulting engineers, builders and building owners. There "Electrical Progress Exhibits" have featured these "certified" contractors.
4. **Cooperation**—Closer relations with manufacturers, wholesalers and the local utility have been fostered to the marked benefit of all concerned. The Philadelphia Electric Company, for example, relies upon these contractors for all work done on its system that falls within a customer's premises, including setting poles and transformers.

Philadelphia contractors are fortunate also in that the local power company is one of the most progressive and co-operative public utilities in the United States. Average domestic consumption on the lines of the Philadelphia Electric Company has risen from 470 kwh. in 1928 to 962 kwh. in 1938 and will pass 1000 kwh. before the end of this year. This is an amazing progress for any large city. It has been achieved through intensive public education and market development, that has greatly increased the opportunity for the electrical contractor.

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We were working on the rewiring estimate for the change-over in production at the D & S plant. It had to be in the manager's hands by 4 P. M. Monday, which meant that Bill and I were stuck for the weekend.

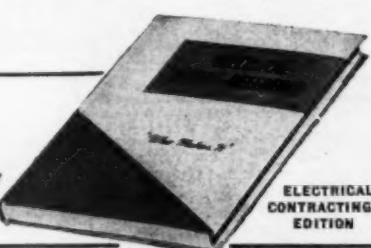
Sunday afternoon we got to the point where we needed to compare different makes of metal moldings, and select the one that would enable us to run through ten No. 12 single conductors. We hunted high and low—no manufacturers' catalogs in the files could help us.

"We're sunk", said Bill, "No time now to even wire for the dope."

Then I remembered the blue-and-orange Electrical Buyers Reference. It was the work of a few moments to compare the catalog data of several leading molding manufacturers, and find all the information we needed. By noon Monday our bid was in, complete in every detail.

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## More Gossip

### Bare Neutral OK

Code permission for the use of bare neutral conductors and thin wall insulation would open up rewiring and relighting jobs all over town, says Walter Diecks of the Walter Diecks Electric Co. of Louisville, Ky.

Mr. Diecks, who is president of the Louisville Contractors Association and active in Kentucky Chapter, I.A.E.I. affairs would, however, like to see several of the methods of wiring now approved eliminated from the code in the interests of industry standardization.



**YACHTSMAN H. G. Hoffman** of Tennessee Armature & Electric Co., Knoxville, is a great booster for the natural beauties of Eastern Tennessee and the Great Smokies. His latest enthusiasm—boating. And for those un-believers who wonder where the heck you could put a boat in that country, he points out the newly created lake with 800 miles of shore line, caused by the erection of Norris Dam.

### Bamboo Insulators

In these days when we are striving so hard to keep electricity safe for the protection of the public, it is interesting to remember that the old Planters Hotel in St. Louis was wired with bamboo insulators. This was one of the earliest wiring jobs. Sections of bamboo fishing poles were sawed apart, drilled at the end and used as tubes. They held the wire safely for a long time.

### Builds New Home

The Bar-Croft Electric Co., of New Haven Conn. is planning to build a new home at 571 State St., New Haven. Plans and specifications are now ready. They expect to be in the new building about the first of December, with a modern office and shop for their contracting and motor repair business.



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**GENERAL ELECTRIC**

## More Wiring for the 3 "R's"

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To handle the rewiring of several buildings at the same time, the contractors used various methods of organization—

The H. B. Frazer Company had one man in the office in charge of all engineering details and approvals. Another man worked between the office and all jobs, handling inspections and cooperating with the custodians of the schools. One general foreman went from school to school, checking and ordering materials, providing labor and supervising the job. Meanwhile, a foreman in each school headed a crew of four to five men. In the larger schools seven to nine man crews were used.

All work followed a master production schedule, based on equipment delivery dates. All the smaller schools, which required no special equipment, were completed first. Doing the small buildings first gave the men the experience needed to handle the larger jobs efficiently. It also gave time for the delivery of large equipment. As many as 12 jobs were in operation simultaneously.

The Electric Power Construction Company handled its 36 schools by groups of six schools each. All schools located in the same area were wired at the same time regardless of size. Feeder and switchboard work, which required shut downs, was done during the summer months. Other work was installed during the school term. Fourteen schools were wired at the same time and for a period of eight months a maximum crew of 47 men were required to complete the project.

Some contractors used one crew to install services only, moving from school to school. Other crews did panelboard and branch circuit wiring. Each contractor devised his own method of organization.

### School Board Helped

Headaches in estimating were numerous. The period available to prepare the bids was comparatively short and since no two buildings were identical, individual surveys had to be made in each building. Contractors credit a good part of their success to cooperation given them by the school authorities.

For example, to speed the work done while classes were in session, classes were shifted to other rooms as the work progressed. The average time to com-

plete one building varied from two to three weeks, in the smaller schools, to several months in the high schools.

The Board of Education of Philadelphia made extensive preparations. In the special rooms for pupils with defective eyes research began in 1932. This included experimental painting of walls and blackboard trim as well as trial installations of different types of fixtures with various spacings and mounting heights. A combination mercury vapor-mazda installation was tried. Fluorescent units are now being studied.

### Wide Research

Research on regular class rooms included trial installations of various types of units with special equipment for woodworking and machine shops, textile classrooms and auditoriums. The same type of fixture would be temporarily installed in one room of an old building and a room of a modern building. Spacings, intensities, mounting heights were studied in each case. Careful readings in each room were taken before making a decision.

Supplementary studies of various window shades were also made, to choose the shade which would transmit the maximum amount of daylight with the proper direction, diffusion and least glare. The ultimate aim of all this research was to determine the proper units, paint, spacing and mounting heights to use to obtain the greatest amount of glareless illumination on the working plane.

Plans and specifications were prepared in the offices of the Board of Education after final checks were made on the trial installations. Foot candle intensities were based on the "American Recommended Practice of School Lighting" prepared by the Illuminating Engineering Society and the American Institute of Architects. The same general plans and specifications were used for all the schools, with revisions to suit individual buildings.

The entire project requiring one year to complete will cost approximately \$1,423,319 and the Public Works Administration made a grant of approximately \$650,000. The smallest electrical contract for \$56,655 covered 26 elementary schools. The largest single contract was for \$259,730 and covered eight high schools and one elementary school.

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Money spent for maintenance is like the cost of insurance. The modern business man is completely sold on it. But insurance buys protection against accidents that may happen. Maintenance is protection against wear, deterioration and other troubles that there is no doubt about. They do and will happen—day by day.

Every plant electrician, every maintenance man should keep this fact in mind. He should take every opportunity to impress it upon the mind of management. They as well as the maintenance staff should have a clear picture of what maintenance work involves.

That is the purpose of this series of articles which began in January, 1938, with a frank review of the electrical maintenance man's job. Then came—

1. Alternating Current Motors—Types and Applications
2. Direct Current Motors—Types and Applications
3. Alternating Current Motors—Maintenance
4. Direct Current Motors—Maintenance
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17. Electroplating
18. Electronic Devices
19. Circuit Breakers
20. Equipment for Hazardous Locations
21. Transformers (this issue)

Coming articles will discuss

22. Wiring Devices and Fittings
23. Wire and Cables
24. Drives
25. Elevators, Conveyors, Cranes and Trucks
26. Ventilating and Air Conditioning Equipment
27. Management of Maintenance

# Maintenance

## TRANSFORMERS

### Types, Application and Maintenance

WIDE use and application of transformers in factories and large buildings brings increasing need for a thorough understanding of this class of equipment. The electrical maintenance man must not only know how transformers function but must be able to keep them in operating condition. Therefore this discussion presents information on the various types and applications of transformers, on factors to be considered in their selection, and on how they should be maintained.

A transformer as referred to, is an apparatus used on a.c. systems for changing voltage and current from one value to another. It is used also for transferring power from one circuit to another.

In industrial plants, commercial buildings and institutions, transformers are employed principally for transforming high voltage to the proper or safe value for innumerable uses, such as lighting and operating motors, portable tools, appliances, control, signalling and communication circuits, welders, furnaces and ovens. Other uses are for X-ray work, electrical testing, phase changing, circuit isolation, and electronic devices of all kinds.

#### Types and Applications

Transformers are made in a variety of forms to serve diverse purposes. They may be classified as follows:

1. *Power transformers* are used, as at generating stations, to step up voltage to values suitable for economical transmission of large amounts of power.

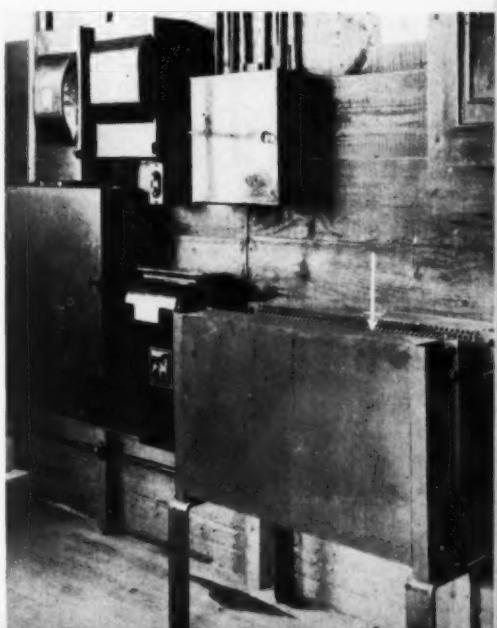
Also, they are used as at the end of transmission lines to step down the voltage to distribution voltages.

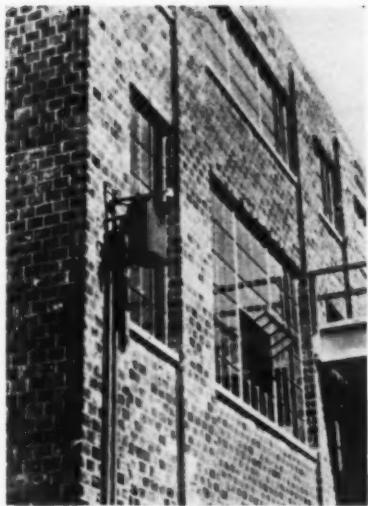
2. *Distribution transformers* are used to transform power from distribution voltages to a lower distribution or "utilization" voltage, such as from 2300 volts to 230 or 460 volts. These transformers may be insulated either by liquid or by air.

3. *Instrument transformers* are used to transform a high voltage or current to lower values, thereby permitting power to be measured by instruments

#### FOR GENERAL PURPOSE USE—

An air-cooled distribution transformer equipped with a built-in junction box. Dry type transformers may be located indoors. This unit rated 75 kva, 3-phase furnishes 115-volts for lighting from a 460-volt supply circuit. (American Transformer Co. photo.)





**ON OUTSIDE WALL**—This liquid-cooled 15 kva., single-phase, 2,400-120/240-volt transformer is conveniently mounted, yet out of the way. (Allis-Chalmers photo.)

of reasonable size and cost, and without danger to human life. These transformers are known as *potential transformers* or *current transformers*. They may be either air or liquid insulated.

4. *Control transformers* are used to supply small amounts of power, usually at relatively low voltage, to circuits which control electrical equipment and the operation of machinery.

5. *Bell ringing transformers* are of the small dry type, used to supply power at 24 volts and less to bells, buzzers, chimes, signal lights and the like. This low voltage permits the use of open-type wiring between the transformer and the device. In addition, these transformers have "high reactance," limiting the amount of current which the transformer will draw from the line, if the secondary circuit accidentally becomes shorted.

6. *Gaseous tube and ignition transformers* are used for operating gaseous tube signs and for ignition work. They step up voltage. The secondary winding is often grounded in order to reduce the physical size of the unit and to increase its efficiency and reliability. These units are usually air insulated, although special applications may make the use of liquid insulated units desirable.

7. *Furnace transformers* of the step-down type are used to supply high current at low voltages to resistance and salt bath furnaces. The step-up type is used to supply power to induction or "high frequency" furnaces. *High reactance transformers*, either step-up or step-down, are used to supply power to electric arc furnaces. All these units are made in both the

liquid insulated and air insulated types.

8. *Welding transformers* of the step-down type, in both liquid and air insulated varieties, are used to supply high current at very low voltages for the various kinds of resistance welding and for electric soldering. Transformers, usually of the air-insulated step-down type, are an essential part of most a.c. arc welding sets.

9. *X-ray transformers* step up voltages to values of several hundred thousand volts for use in X-ray equipment, but the current is relatively low. This type of transformer is usually liquid insulated and sometimes air insulated.

10. *Testing transformers* of the step-up type are used to supply a voltage higher than the normal operating voltage of an equipment in order to prove out the insulation of new electrical apparatus, devices and appliances. Stepdown transformers furnish a high current at relatively low voltage to determine the current-carrying capacity of equipment such as bus-bar, contact points, cable and circuit breakers. Testing transformers are made in both the liquid and air insulated types.

Closely related to transformers are—

*Auto-transformers*—used where conditions do not necessitate isolating circuits.

*Induction regulators*—used to obtain constant or variable output voltages.

*Reactors*—used to limit amount of current in a given circuit, balance loads or furnish a drop in voltage.

#### Insulating and Cooling

As already noted, most transformers are furnished either liquid insulated or air insulated—

*Liquid insulated transformers* at one time were always filled with a special grade of insulating oil. But oil, being inflammable, precludes the use of oil-immersed transformers in many locations, especially indoors, unless the transformers are inclosed in fire-proof vaults.

So non-inflammable insulating liquids have been developed within the past few years. This largely overcomes the fire hazard and today most of the leading transformer manufacturers offer units filled with a non-inflammable liquid.

The liquid used for insulating a transformer is also the medium for cooling the core and coils. In order to be effective, therefore, the liquid must cover the core and windings, and must not be allowed to become contaminated.

Foreign material in the liquid may cause electrical failure, due to de-

creased dielectric strength, or may cause overheating, due to poor liquid circulation in and around the active parts of the transformer. Care must be taken to keep the liquid in good condition as recommended by the manufacturer.

*Air insulated transformers* may be of the very simple type which consists of the core, coils and mounting structure only, and which depend on the natural circulation of air for cooling purposes. Others may be designed for cooling by forced circulation of air.

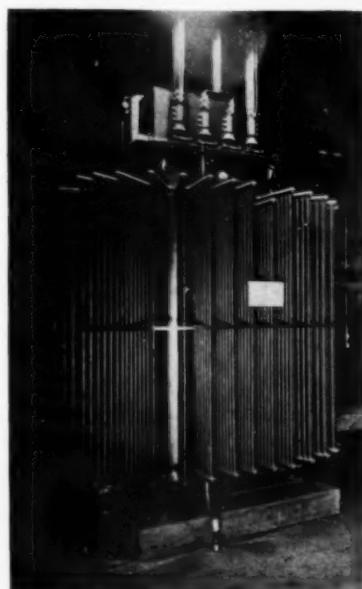
Still other transformers may be enclosed in a sheet metal or cast case and sealed with either a solid or jelly-like insulating compound. Such a compound often serves these further purposes—

1. Increases the dielectric strength of the unit;
2. Seals the windings against moisture, fumes and vapors;
3. Helps conduct the heat generated in the windings and core to the outside of the enclosing case, where it may be dissipated by radiation, convection, or forced draft.

#### Selection

In selecting transformers for any one particular job, the following factors should be considered—

1. *Secondary circuit* — load, voltage, number of phases and power factor.
2. *Kind of load*—intermittent or steady,



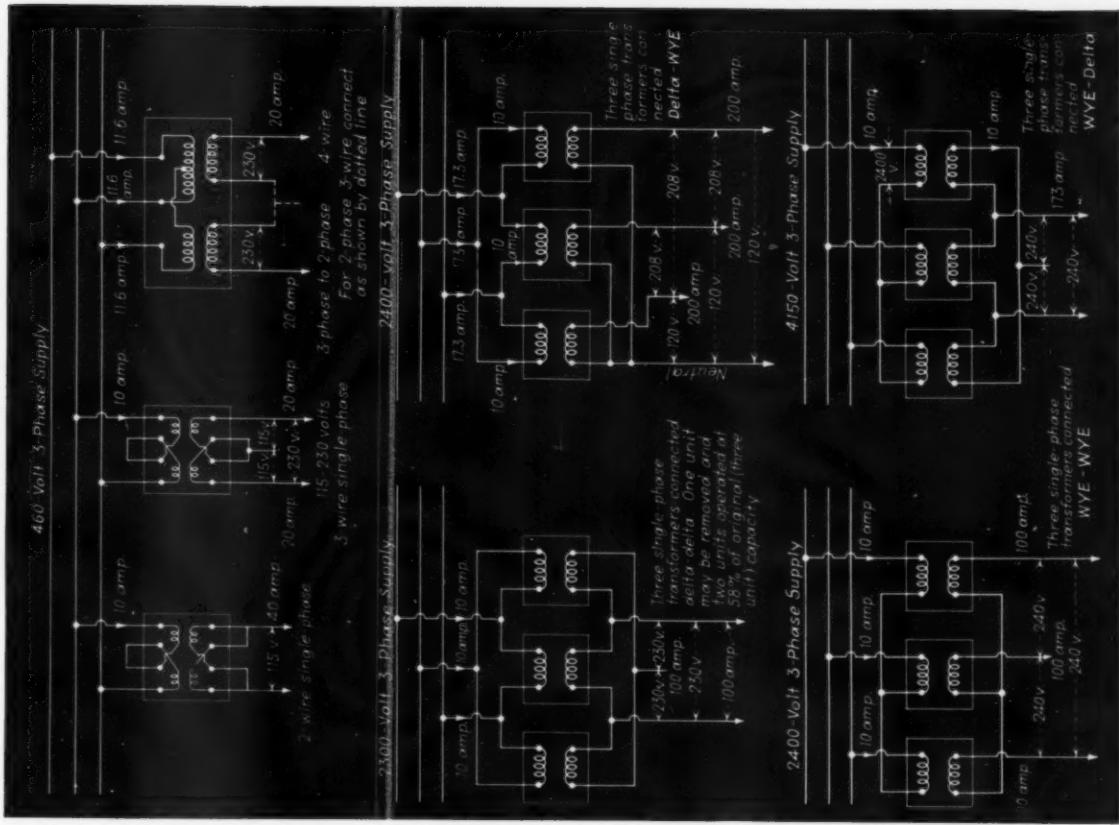
**IN A HOT-STRIP MILL**—One of three liquid-cooled (Pyranol) transformers located in the motor room, furnishes 230- and 460-volts from 11,950 and 6,900-volt supply. (General Electric Co. photo.)

# MAINTENANCE GUIDE CHARTS FOR TRANSFORMERS

## TROUBLE CORRECTION CHART

TROUBLE	CAUSE	REMEDY
No secondary voltage	Primary fuses blown, circuit breaker tripped	Replace fuses or reclose breaker
Transformer shorted, open circuited, or insulator failed	Transformer must be replaced or repaired, or insulator replaced	
Transformer overheating	Overload on secondary	Check load and adjust to proper value
	Partial short circuit in primary or secondary	Repair or replace damaged coil
	Poor ventilation	Clear ventilating ducts, louvers, and windows of enclosing structure
	Over-voltage applied to primary	Adjust tap selecting device to proper terminal or remedy voltage supply
	Incorrect connections	Check connections for paralleling, or between phases. A common error is to connect the secondaries of a polyphase bank in parallel
	Transformer overheating (liquid filled)	Cooling liquid carbonized or "sludged"
Intermittent loss of power	Loose terminal and connections	Tighten all bolted joints and check solder and solderless terminals

## TYPICAL CONNECTIONS



as in welding or lighting. This determines whether a transformer with high all-day efficiency would be suitable or one having particularly good regulation and high overload capacity.

3. *Power supply*—amount available, voltage, frequency and number of phases.

3. *Rating*—capacity in kva., frequency, voltage of primary and secondary, number of phases, temperature rise, and ratio of transformation.

5. *Method of cooling*—liquid or air. If liquid, whether oil or non-inflammable. Method is determined often by location. If placed outdoors, oil-immersed units will probably be most suitable. If for indoor installation, the cost and overload ratings of the various types must be taken into consideration.

6. *Location*—near load center, accessible, ease of inspection, ventilation, cooling. If housed, adequate provision must be made for air circulation or cooling water, if water cooling is used.

- The use of one single-phase, several single-phase or polyphase transformers will be determined by the load conditions, the space available, and the utility company's regulations.

#### Installation

When received and before installation, a transformer should be checked for rating, inspected for displacement of parts or injury. It should be examined thoroughly for indications of moisture, particularly if it is of the oil-immersed type.

As a general rule, transformers should be placed as near as possible to the load center. Each installation will be determined by the locations available for the actual placing of the units, and the cost of the wiring versus the cost of several load centers, as well as the limits for voltage drop regulation.

All installations should be made according to the National Electrical Code, and state, municipal, utility and insurance companies regulations and rules. These rules will govern most decisions as to connections, grounding, protection in the primary and secondary circuits, and provisions for safety.

#### Rating

Transformers are rated in va. (volts-amperes) or kva. (kilovolt-amperes). The ratings are derived from the product of the rated voltage and rated current of a particular winding.

Compensation for low or high supply voltages is accomplished usually by means of voltage taps. In distribution and general purpose transformers, the taps are placed usually in the high tension winding so that the tap-changing device will carry a minimum amount of current. The tap-changing device may be either a tap changer (switch) or a terminal board with links.



**CURRENT TRANSFORMER**, of the indoor dry type, ready for installation. This transformer, having a current rating of 100 amperes to 5 amperes for 5000-volt service, permits the measurement of large current values by small moderately priced instruments. (Westinghouse photo.)

In a two- or three-phase bank of single-phase transformers, the rating of the bank is the sum of the rating of the single-phase units.

A three-phase delta-delta connected bank may be operated open-delta in case of damage to one of the single-phase units, by disconnecting the damaged unit entirely. The bank will not supply two-thirds of the load, as might be expected, but only 58 per cent. Under such operating conditions care must be exercised to be sure that the load does not exceed the rating of the open-delta connected bank.

#### Maintenance

Because transformers have no moving parts, the maintenance man may think that servicing is not required. Such is not the case, however. The servicing of transformers, particularly liquid-immersed units, will be amply repaid by the increased life and reliability of the apparatus. Therefore, the maintenance man should make regular inspections as follows:

1. Liquid level should be checked at least once a year and enough liquid added to bring the level up to the transformer manufacturer's mark.

2. Insulating fluid should be checked periodically for dielectric strength and sludging (carbonization). It should be kept at a value of 22 kv. when tested in accordance with A.S.T.M. recommendations. Minimum should be regarded as 18 kv. If lower values are obtained, the liquid should be either purified or replaced.

3. Temperature should be checked daily.
4. Voltage and load condition should be checked periodically to determine that transformer is not being overloaded. This check should be made particularly when sludging is noted. Dark oil or oil with carbon particles in suspension indicate "sludging" and perhaps overheating.

5. Ventilation should be checked at regular intervals to make sure that ventilating ducts or windows are not clogged or thoughtlessly closed.

6. Cooling tubes or radiators should be kept free of dust or other foreign material. "A layer of dust is often equivalent to a layer of asbestos."

7. Connections should be checked at regular intervals for tightness, corrosion and unauthorized connections. A loose connection will soon cause excessive heating and loss of power or a short circuit.

8. Insulation resistance should be checked periodically to detect incipient failures. A megger test is recommended each time the liquid is filtered or replaced. In dry type transformers megger tests can be made during regular plant shut-downs or inspection periods. High potential tests in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations are also very valuable indications of impending trouble, and they may save expensive enforced shut-downs.

9. Transformers that have been submerged or flooded should be thoroughly reconditioned. Coils, core and tank must be cleaned by removing sludge and other accumulations. Insulation must be dried gradually and tested. Liquid should be tested for moisture and if necessary filtered or dried.

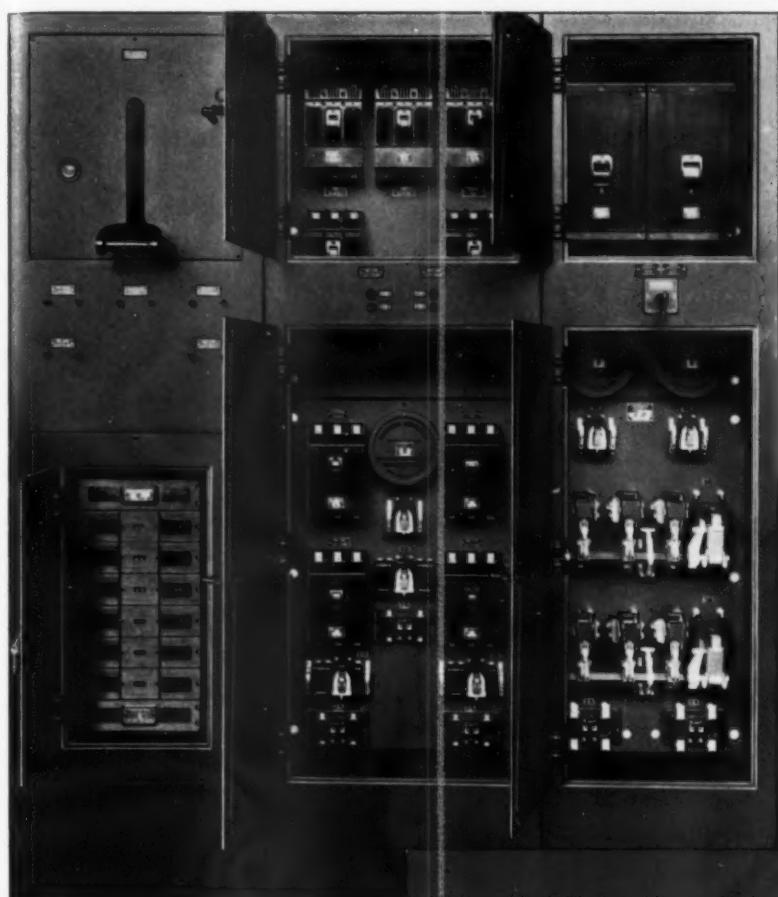
10. Secondaries of instrument transformers for measuring current should be short-circuited, and those for measuring voltage should be open-circuited, until the values are known to be safe.

Connection diagrams supplied by the manufacturer should be kept on file at all times, as well as authorized connections of all transformers, also a complete servicing record is recommended. For a study of such a record may often prove valuable in planning extensions or any other changes of a distribution system.

Spare parts, except spare fuse links, usually are not carried in stock. But if a large number of transformers of the same size and manufacturer are used then spare coils, or spare core-and-coil sets may well be stocked. Better still, however, is the stocking of a complete spare unit which need not be of the same manufacturer or kva. rating, unless it must parallel with existing units.

Since transformers have no moving parts, they present a hazard not present in many other types of electrical equipment. They may appear and sound perfectly harmless, but still be operating at full voltage and capacity. Therefore, extreme care must be exercised in working on or near them. The maintenance man must not take for granted that a unit is "dead." He must make absolutely sure that both the high and low voltage sides are disconnected before attempting to service transformers.

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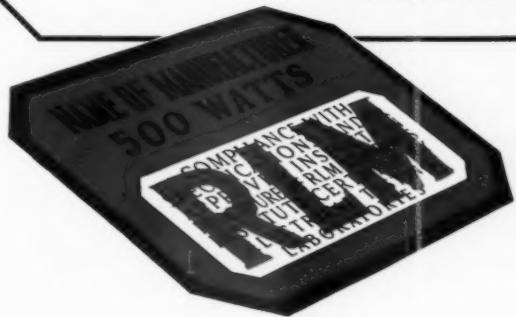
Synchronous motors, although they are rugged, require more attention than squirrel-cage and wound-rotor induction motors. The reason is that synchronous motors have more parts to be inspected, particularly when the motor and d.c. exciter are installed as a unit. In such cases, attention must be given not only to the motor but also to the exciter. And, the control equipment must not be overlooked, as it involves more devices.

The maintenance man is acquainted with the conditions at the individual installations. His experience and judgment will aid him in determining the frequency and degree of thoroughness for inspection. But whatever schedule is arranged, daily or weekly, the following twelve points are the main ones requiring attention.

1. Clean motor, exciter and control at regular periods, preferably with an industrial vacuum cleaner. Blown-out dust settles again; also particles may become imbedded.
2. Check oil level and add oil only when necessary and when motor is idle.
3. See that oil rings turn and that bearings show no signs of undue heating.
4. Inspect brushes on collector rings and commutator. Replace broken or worn brushes by new ones of the same grade or

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9. Tighten loose connections, such as motor terminals, rotor field coils, slip rings, exciter armature and field terminals.

10. Check air gap, particularly on overhung exciter, to determine wear of motor bearing.

11. Protect motor, exciter and control from dripping water, falling objects and excess dust; provide a roof or an enclosure with ample ventilation.

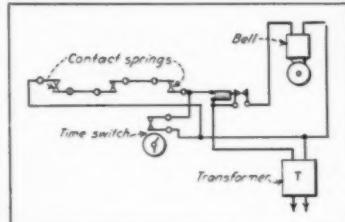
12. Inspect fuses and clips, contactor tips, switch blade clips, operation of overload relays and other control devices, and tighten all loose connections. See that enclosing cases for control equipment are in good order, that doors close properly.

### Time Clock on Burglar Alarm

**Q.** What device may be used for automatically connecting and disconnecting a small local burglar alarm system at pre-determined times? Protection is desired on doors and windows at night. Protection is to be removed in the morning. Present system operates from a transformer.—A.G.

**A.** A spring-driven type time-switch such as is used for window lighting may be used for this purpose. The method of setting the switch will be different, however, as the circuit in this switch from night until morning will be on open-circuit instead of closed-circuit. On the other hand the switch will be on closed-circuit during the day.

The circuit for connecting the time switch is shown in the accompanying diagram. A small amount of current



BURGLAR CLOCK hook up to provide timed controls on an alarm system.

will pass through the locking relay at all times, in this type of a system. However, it is necessary to connect the time switch in this manner, because of the locking relay which would ordinarily be required to be reset manually.

## Demon Organizer

L. J. Kane, superintendent of electrical maintenance of the South works, Carnegie Illinois Steel Company put on a record breaking one-man membership drive for the Chicago Electrical Maintenance Engineers.

With the help of A. L. Benner, electrical field foreman of the same company, Mr. Kane turned in 44 new membership applications to secretary M. R. Ely during the month of April.



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# In the News

## WESTERN INSPECTORS APPROVE ARTICLE COMMITTEE REPORT

Recommendations of article sub-committees for changes to be applied in the forthcoming 1940 National Electrical Code were endorsed with a few minor exceptions, by the Western Section, International Association of Electrical Inspectors. This was at its 35th annual meeting in Hamilton, Ontario, September 11 to '3. Action on the Edison Institute proposals included recommendations for the use of thin wall insulation conductors of either rubber or other synthetic insulating material, and a rejection of "bare neutral" wiring systems.

The issue concerning the recommendations for the use of non-metallic sheath cables with uninsulated grounded conductors was obscured in parliamentary procedure. A motion to reject the article committee's favorable recommendation set off a heated discussion which was interrupted by a motion to "table" the original motion. The "tabling" motion was carried by a closely contested vote, which, in effect, removed the subject from further discussion at this meeting.

Because of the procedure employed by the convention of automatically ratifying article committee recommendations unless rejected by a majority vote of the delegates, the "tabling" motion was, in effect, a ratification of the article committee's proposal.

Against the somber background of war preparation, the Canadian hosts received their American guests with traditional courtesy and an extensive entertainment program. Registration figures totaled 340, and the convention heard addresses by several distinguished guests.

Dr. M. G. Lloyd, president of the International Association discussed the progress of the organization and of the National Electrical Code. He pointed out two important problems to be faced in future code work, a distinction between rural and suburban areas, and the question of quality standards in the National Electrical Code.

W. J. Donald, managing director of the National Electrical Manufacturers Association, urged close cooperation of all branches of the industry in the national promotional work that is now going on or planned for the immediate future.

A. R. Small, chairman of the NFPA Electrical Committee, told of the substan-

tial progress toward including safety provisions in the Code, guarding against injury and death hazards in electrical equipment and its installation.

S. B. Williams, editor of *Electrical World*, contending that the National Electrical Code is not a true minimum standard but a practical compromise of many divergent commercial interests, urged a positive approach to new wiring methods and a standard of minimum safety beyond which better wiring could be sold.

J. R. Catterall of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Canada discussed several code problems common to Canada and the United States.

The normal succession of officers took place, James Galbraith of Detroit was elected president, J. B. Wilkinson of Milwaukee, Wis., first vice-president; L. J. McCormick, Kansas City, second vice-president and F. H. Moore, Indianapolis, secretary-treasurer.

Executive committee members elected were, J. E. Miller, Hugo Ries, D. J. Talbot, G. W. House, V. C. Moulton, R. D. McDaniel and L. P. Dendel to serve for the coming year.

## COUNCIL SETTLES CHARLESTON CONTROVERSY

A dispute between the electrical contractors of Charleston, West Va., and the local union was arbitrated by the Council on Industrial Relations on Sept. 8, sitting in a Washington club. The case involved four issues—1. The contractors complained that members of the local union were contracting for work. 2. The contractors complained that in reviewing the local contract the union proposed a rotation of workers neither limited in number nor subject to the approval of the employer. 3. The union complained that whereas their agreement with the contractors called for travel and board expense to be paid to workers on distant out of town jobs for the first three weeks of work, contractors were lumping trips of one or more days, perhaps 30 or 40 miles away, to accumulate the three weeks. The union wanted the men to be paid for this extra expense, except after three consecutive weeks work. 4. The union demanded an increase in the local wage scale from \$1.25 to \$1.50 an hour, retroactive to April, 1939. The reason was that the local union had accepted a voluntary decrease in wages from \$1.25 to \$1.00 in 1932, which was restored when times improved. Present scale dates back to 1929.

Both sides presented briefs and the local union was represented by its business manager. The local contractors were not represented. The council ruled that—1. Union members should not contract for work. 2. Rotation should be restricted to not more than half the journeymen and helpers to be selected with the co-operation of the contractor. 3. Period of expense payment on distant out of town work to mean three consecutive weeks.



**SOME SCENERY** from the recent meeting of the IAEI Western Section at Hamilton, Ontario. 1. Earl Nelson right, who doubled the membership in three years, receives congratulations from L. J. McCormick and Ben Clark. 2. L. E. Felt and Carl Mason demonstrating a test at the Michigan exhibit. 3. Busy host, G. W. House of Hamilton, who put on the show. 4. IAEI officers, F. H. Moore (left), secretary-manager; L. P. Dendel, Lansing, retiring president; James Galbraith, Detroit, new president; J. B. Wilkinson, Milwaukee, first vice-president; and L. J. McCormick, Kansas City, second vice-president. 5. Here we have posed, an argument by A. T. Babbitt and F. O. Everitz with Lloyd Branch acting as umpire.

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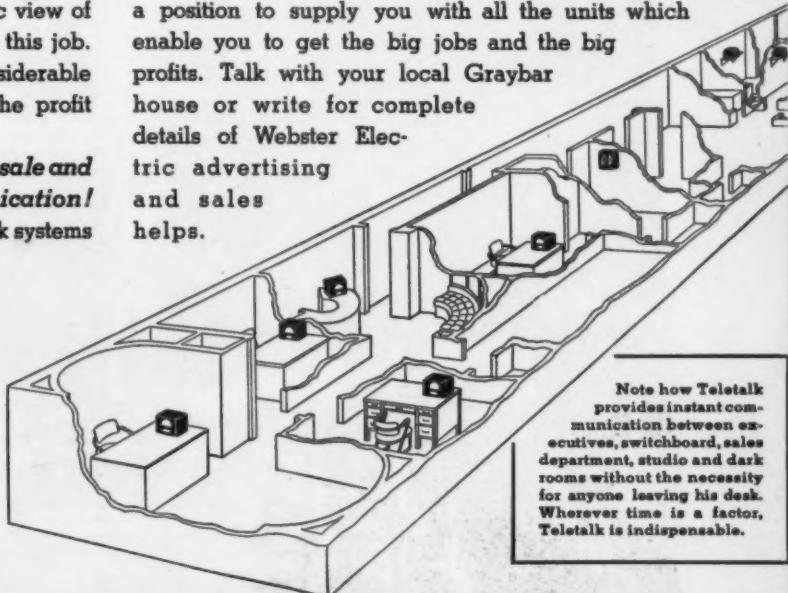


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This settled in a half day, a local controversy which has been disturbing conditions in Charleston for a long time. Chairman L. K. Comstock presided.

## SLATTERY NOW HEADS REA

Harry Slattery, under secretary of the Interior Department, has been appointed by the President as administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration. He succeeds John M. Carmody, now heading the Federal Works Administration.

Mr. Slattery has been a familiar figure in Washington since 1909, when he became secretary to Gifford Pinchot. He has been an advocate of public power ownership, closely identified with the Norris-Ickes-Rankin conservation of national resources group, and has played a part in practically every major conservation and power fight for years. He collaborated in drawing up the act creating the Rural Electrification Administration which he will now administrate. He was at one time closely associated with Morris L. Cooke, first REA boss. He is a lawyer



HARRY SLATTERY

and has been a behind-the-scenes worker during most of his career in Washington.

When Pinchot was ousted from the Forest Service, Slattery became secretary and later counsel to the National Conservation Association. In 1918 he was special assistant to Secretary of the Interior Lane. His next official post was as Secretary of Interior Icke's personal assistant, until he became under secretary.

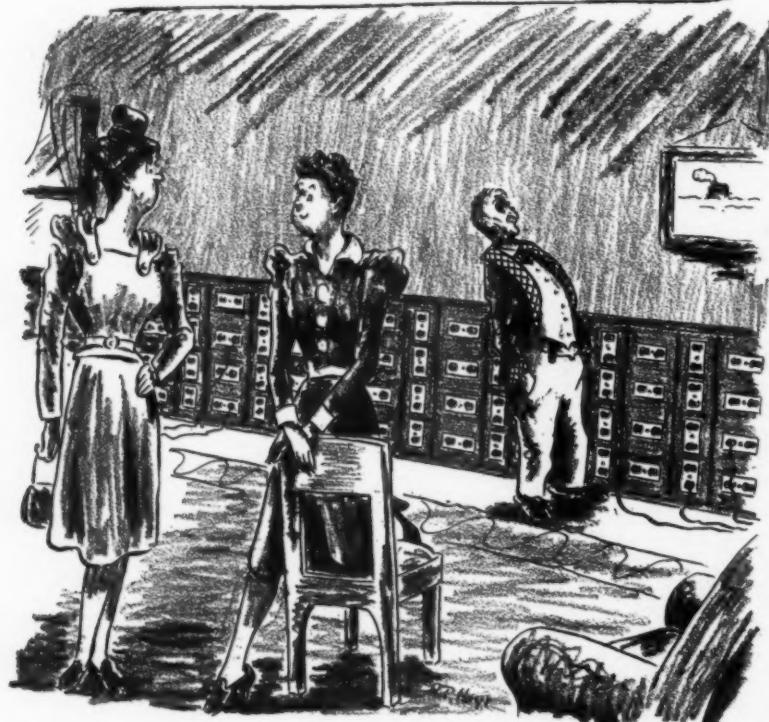
Suave and soft-spoken, Slattery can be "tough" when necessary. Faced with a degree of internal dissension within the REA, the new administrator has "no illusions" about his assignment. He realizes that the REA program is not operating just as he would like, and is prepared to take strong steps to correct what administrative defects he finds.

## SOUTHERN INSPECTORS OK THIN INSULATION

Thin wall insulation for building wire was heartily endorsed by the Southern Section of the International Association of Electrical Inspectors, meeting in Asheville, N. C., September 18 to 20. However, the reviewing committee reported that "the data submitted by the Edison Electric Institute on bare neutral and covered neutral is not sufficient to convince a majority that these methods of wiring are safe." All the other EEI proposals, therefore, were disapproved by the Section.

This convention turned out an unusually large attendance. Meetings were held at the George Vanderbilt Hotel. Prominent speakers were International President M. G. Lloyd, M. M. Brandan speaking on panelboards, A. R. Small of Underwriters Laboratories and Arthur L. Abbott of NEMA. The program included the usual review of experience under the Code with recommendations, article by article.

New officers elected for the coming year are C. S. Whitaker, Durham, president; Frank G. Camus, Shreveport, first vice president; W. A. Stall, Jacksonville, second vice president; and Joseph Whiter, Atlanta, secretary and treasurer. Executive committee is—D. L. Johnson, Atlanta, chairman; P. L. Muller, New Orleans; A. E. Hancock, Austin; L. A. Turnage, Hartsville. Executive Council is H. N. Pye, Atlanta; N. E. Cannady, Raleigh; George Welman, New Orleans; and E. A. Thibodeaux, Thibodaux. The next meeting will be held in Houston.



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## NEW PERSONNEL OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COUNCIL

The Industrial Relations Council for the Electrical Construction Industry has announced its new personnel, as reorganized. The Council, in August, transferred from the temporary sponsorship of the Electrical Conference Club, to that of the IBEW Employees Division of the National Electrical Contractors Association. The membership now is—

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D. W. Tracy, International President of IBEW.  
G. M. Bugnizet, International Secretary, IBEW.  
M. H. Hedges, Director of Research, IBEW.

M. P. Gordan, Member International Executive Council, IBEW, Pittsburgh. The fifth member appointed to represent IBEW was Charles L. Reed, assistant to the International President, who died on August 9. His place on the committee has not yet been filled.

Mr. Comstock is chairman and Mr. Hedges is secretary of the Council.

#### A.W. MEN TOGETHER IN CHICAGO

Patterned after the recent successful Pacific Coast Regional Conference, the second gathering of those interested in local Adequate Wiring Bureau work in Chicago, September 21-22, brought together 70 men from 19 cities of the north central region. Plans for putting over adequate wiring programs in new homes, and rewiring old homes were presented and discussed.

These included the successful Chicago Red Seal experience, the Milwaukee graded wiring system plan, Omaha's CNX program, and exceptional features developed in other cities. Key problems cited are (1) developing presentation material to aid the contractor in telling his story to the customer, (2) developing local information sources for early leads on proposed building or rewiring activities, and (3) increased field representation from the N.A.W.B. to support local groups.

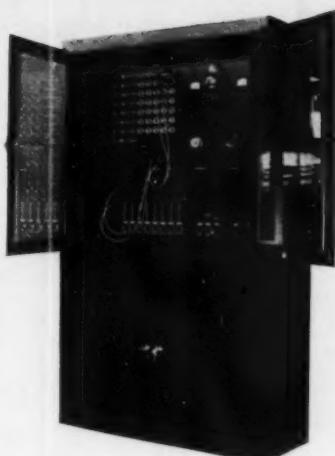
Recognizing the electrical inspector's important place in wiring development of rural areas, the conference urged that the electrical inspector be incorporated in the sponsorship of the Adequate Wiring program. The gratifying cooperation of many electrical contractor groups primarily concerned with commercial and industrial work was acknowledged by the conference. A resolution was passed urging a national program for adequate wiring in the commercial and industrial fields.

The Chicago Electric Association Red Seal campaign was presented by A. A. Gray and Carl E. Heimbrodt. The graded wiring system technique adopted in Milwaukee was discussed by F. F. McCoy and B. H. Barg. A method of computing wiring adequacy by a numerical score based on number of outlets and copper capacity with respect to the floor area was presented by Charles V. Dunn of Kansas City.

Discussions were led by General Chairman W. A. Ritt, secretary-manager of the North Central Associated Electrical Industries of Minneapolis, assisted by A. A. Gray, Chicago; A. E. Schueler, National A. W. Bureau; F. F. McCoy, Milwaukee; A. C. Crandall, Indianapolis; H. P. Wilson, Rock Island; and Carl H. Christine, St. Louis.

#### INGALLS JOINS NECA LABOR COM.

W. W. Ingalls, president of the Ingalls Electric Company of Miami, has been elected a member of the NECA Labor Relations Committee from District No. 5. He succeeds D. B. Clayton, who recently resigned from this committee.

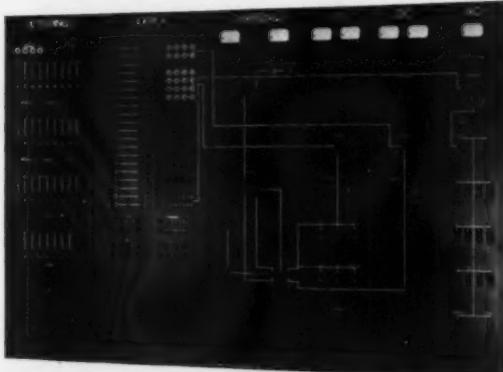


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*In the News*

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### MICHIGAN LAW DECLARED VOID

The Michigan State Electrical Law was declared unconstitutional by the State Supreme Court on September 4. In reversing the action of a lower court in a suit brought by an electrical contractor against the State Board, a divided bench held that the Michigan Electrical Law was unconstitutional in three points—

1. The legislation was discriminatory in that it did not apply to electrical utilities.

2. Legislation was discriminatory in that it applied to generating plants under 10 kw. only.

3. The National Electrical Code was included in the law by reference, which the court held to be an illegal delegation of legislative authority.

The Attorney-General's office has appealed for a re-hearing. This, however, can only be accomplished with the court's permission. Interested groups are already preparing a revised law for consideration by the legislature at a special session to be called soon.

This action finishes the Michigan Electrical Law after a year of political persecution, according to a statement by L. P. Dendel, former Board member of Lansing, Michigan. On July 1, 1938, appropriations for the maintenance of the State Board were radically reduced. In December 1938 an inspector who had been fired by the Board protested to the governor who turned his protest over to the Auditor General. The Auditor General reported that the trouble was solely due to lack of finance and that a bill was before the legislature to improve the condition.

Some time later a repeal bill was introduced, but died for lack of support. Another bill was introduced to eliminate the inspection department, requiring utilities to provide inspection at no charge. After the death of former Governor Fitzgerald the same disgruntled inspector wrote a similar complaint to Governor Dickinson, who turned the complaint over to Attorney General Read. Read found some technical violations of the law and demanded the resignation of the members of the Board.

The Board corrected the technical violations and resigned. The Attorney General later conceded that he was unable to find any evidence of dishonesty or improper conduct by members or employees of the Board. But the unfavorable publicity created by the charges remained unanswered, as the members of the Board were given no opportunity to defend themselves.

A special session of the legislature to meet within the next few months will be asked to consider new legislation to revive the Electrical Administrative Board, correcting the defects in the previous law which resulted in its rejection by the court.

## COMING MEETINGS

International Association of Electrical Inspectors—Eastern Section, Providence, R. I., Oct. 2-6.

International Association of Electrical Leagues—Fourth Annual Conference, Auditorium of Electrical & Gas Association of New York, Inc., Grand Central Palace Building, New York, Oct. 4-6.

National Electrical Contractors Association—Annual Convention, Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 9-12.

National Electrical Wholesalers Assn.—Semi-Annual Convention, Hotel Gibson, Cincinnati, Ohio, Oct. 16-20.

National Electrical Manufacturers Association—Annual Conference, Palmer House, Chicago, Oct. 23-27.

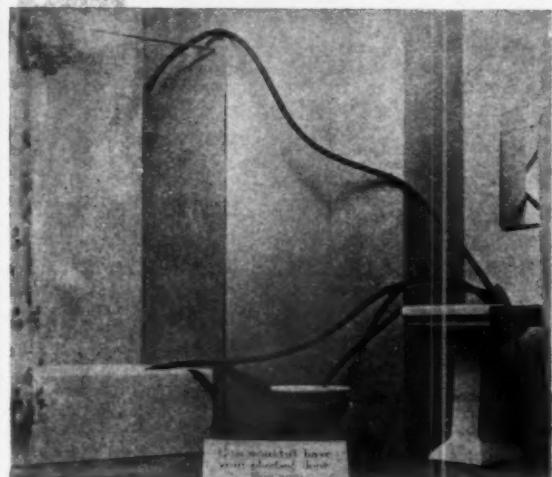
## REA OFFERS

### NEW LIMITED SERVICE

REA has launched a plan for connecting farmers to existing cooperative or private power lines on a minimum charge of \$1 a month by using low capacity transformers. Minimum charges have heretofore ranged from \$2.50 in the south to \$4 in the north.

The new transformer has a capacity of 600 watts. Through the cooperation of several manufacturers with REA, it will cost \$21 for the first 10,000. Economies have been introduced by using a bakelite case instead of metal and a new combination conductor and ground that costs 3 cents a foot. The farmer is expected to dig the trench from the transformer pole to his house and fill it in. Also REA has purchased new circuit breakers from Heinemann Electric Company to use with these transformers at a cost of \$3 for the first 10,000.

REA expects to use this new plan to introduce electric service to farmers who will not or cannot pay the present minimum. But the new transformer will carry no more than a flatiron or radio and a few lights at one time. It therefore will not be adequate for normal domestic use under modern standards.



**YOU WOULDN'T**  
—This striking parallel was featured at the recent Western Idaho State Fair in Boise, by the Idaho Power Co. It was a show window effect contrasted with a similar window featuring a miniature living room with the appliances connected by trailing flexible cords. Models of modern bath room fixtures were shown here, with rubber tubing to carry the water to the tub and toilet.

## THIN INSULATION ON PACIFIC COAST

Last month, news of the meeting of the Pacific Coast Section of the International Association of Electrical Inspectors reported here that the action of the Article Committee in endorsing thin wall insulation for approval in the next Code had been supported. Such action was taken. But late in the meeting, we learn, this subject was reopened and the vote was reversed. The final action of the Far Western inspectors, therefore, was to oppose the approval of thin insulation by the Electrical Committee.

## N. J. CONTRACTORS LAUNCH LABOR BOARD

The Electrical Contractors Association of New Jersey has recently organized an Electrical Conference Board to promote cooperation between the employers of union labor and their employees. On this board, Joseph Buhl, Ernest Jarvis and Edward J. White represent the contractors association, and Edward Schroeder, William Franz and Carl Wrege represent the Union.

The Board hopes to create more work for the contractor, with a consequent need for more labor. For example, the FHA housing program provides a wide market and the Board has arranged to lower the wage rate for this type of work. The procurement of maintenance work in industrial plants, commercial buildings and apartment buildings and the settlement of jurisdictional and wage and hour disputes without costly strikes, are other problems this group will try to solve.

## STAMFORD CONTRACTORS REVOLT

The electrical contractors of Stamford, Connecticut, were faced with the time worn problem of direct jobber competition. Local jobbers continued to sell to



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the consumer at contractor's prices. To make matters worse—the contractor was invariably called in to install this material.

What formerly was a smoldering spark finally burst into flame. The contractors decided to do something about it. They banded together and refused to install material sold on this basis. And it worked.

The local jobbers sat down with the contractors organization and both sides laid their cards on the table. The net result was an agreement whereby the contractors are protected on any future direct jobber-consumer sales.

## HART OUT OF NECA

Monte E. Hart, president of Hart Enterprise Electrical Co., Inc., of New Orleans, has resigned as member of the executive committee of NECA for District No. 8, and as a member of the Labor Relations Committee. This followed Mr. Hart's recent conviction, with four others, in the Louisiana State University scandal.

## SAN FRANCISCO GROUP TIES IN

The San Francisco Electrical Contractors Assn., Inc. has voted to reaffiliate with the national association and seek a chapter charter. Until last year NECA operated in northern California through the Northern California chapter. When national dues were changed, it reorganized as the Electrical Contractors Assn. of Northern California, urging all of its members to affiliate with NECA as individuals.

## OMAHA SECRETARY DIES

J. P. Brown, retired electrical contractor, of Omaha, Nebraska, and secretary of the Omaha Electrical Contractors Association, died on September 8 at the age of 73.

WITH THE  
*Manufacturers*

## B. W. Bullock New Advertising Manager

Boyd W. Bullock has been appointed advertising manager of the General Electric Company appliance and merchandise department at Bridgeport, Conn. He has been with the company for the past 17 years and since 1933 has

## CHICAGO LIGHTING

### SCHOOL

The 1939 Lighting School of the Chicago Lighting Institute will be held October 11-13. On Friday there will be a conference on commercial, industrial, and residential lighting, concerned with advanced problems of lighting application.

These sessions are open to electrical contractors, lighting specialists for utilities or electrical wholesalers and any one interested in the manufacture, design, sale or installation of modern lighting equipment.

## NEW CODE FOR LOS ANGELES

After four years of revision, Los Angeles' new electrical code is about to be issued. It becomes effective 120 days after signature by Mayor Fletcher Bowron, on Aug. 24.

The new code has been developed by a committee of contractors, manufacturers, utility engineers and inspectors selected by the Electrical Development League of Southern California from the associations in the industry. It contains some innovations in respect to circuiting permitted for feeders to several air heaters, and new concepts in appliance circuit arrangement.



BOYD W. BULLOCK

been assistant manager of the publicity department.

Mr. Bullock will make his headquarters in Bridgeport, and will direct the advertising and promotional programs for G. E. products sold to consumers through retail channels with the exception of heating and air conditioning products.

Cutter-Hammer, Inc. has expanded its motor and central service in the Colorado territory. The Denver office has taken on additional trained personnel, to handle increased facilities and stocks.

## Allis-Chalmers Changes

Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Company, Milwaukee, has opened a new branch office in the U. S. Trust Bldg. at Louisville, Kentucky. W. E. Kercheval will be in charge.

A new branch office has also been established at LaPorte, Ind. B. L. Margeson, formerly in charge of the company's Rockford, Ill., office, will be in charge. J. J. Breutzman, formerly at the Chicago office, will succeed Mr. Margeson at Rockford.

A. B. Frost has been appointed branch manager at the New Haven, Conn. office to succeed E. D. Hill, who resigned due to illness.

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**Walker Electrical Company**, Atlanta, announces the erection of a new branch plant off Northside Drive in Atlanta. This is being used for the production of a complete line of outlet and switch boxes, bar hangers, clamps, lath supports, extended ears and other miscellaneous accessories for these boxes. This is a new field of production for the company.

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**McGill Manufacturing Co.**, Valparaiso, Ind. announces the appointment of Robert C. Purdy as direct manufacturers' representative. Mr. Purdy will make his headquarters at Cleveland, Ohio.

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**The Standard Transformer Co.** of Warren, Ohio announces the appointment of Frank L. Frable, 100 W. Monroe St., Chicago, to represent them in Illinois, southern part of Wisconsin and northern Indiana.

**Diesel Power Co.**, 306 East 4th St., Tulsa, Okla. has been named to represent them in the state of Oklahoma.

## More Gossip

### Clayton's Company Name

D. B. Clayton has just changed the name of his Birmingham company from Mill and Mine Construction Company to Electric Constructors, Inc. He continues his activities in the field of industrial and commercial wiring.

### Neat Shop

One of the most attractive estimating offices in the Mid-South belongs to the Wilhelm & Schnur, electrical contractors of Louisville, Ky.

The single large room extends over most

of the second floor with daylight on two sides plus a good lighting installation. Walls and ceilings are finished light, drafting tables line the walls adjacent to the windows. Filing and tracing drawers keep job papers conveniently.

### Piecemeal Modernization

Just because a whole modernization job costs too much need not stymie business. A Newark, N. J., university is gradually being re-wired room by room, from detailed layouts of each area. When the E. J. White Co. made its survey, about forty separate layouts and estimates were made on this basis. Result, a steady flow of re-wiring orders over a period of several years, sized to fit the customer's ability to pay.



**RESIDENCE WIRING** is not a very large part of the activity of Wilhelm & Schnur, commercial and industrial electrical contractors of Louisville, but, according to Robert Schnur, a recent residential job set something of a record in electrical adequacy.

Service conductors consisted of three 500,000 circular mil conductors and the wiring system required 130 branch circuits. Several of the rooms have elaborate systems of cove lighting.

### Public Thanks

Clifton W. Whitmore, of Lord Electric in Miami, sends in an advertisement torn from a local newspaper. In it, Dade Pharmacies thank Lord Electric for "installing the best electrical installation in Miami in our new store." Lord Electric paid for the ad and Dade signed it.

### Fowler Heads Memphis Housing Authority

Popular J. A. Fowler of Fowler Electric Co. of Memphis, Tenn. now devotes practically all his time as chairman of the Memphis Housing Authority, which is erecting several Federal Housing Projects. He still finds time, however, to take an active part in the activities of the Memphis Electrical Contractors Association.

## SURFOLETS



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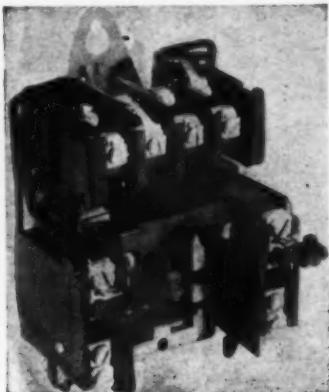
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# EQUIPMENT News

## Magnetic Switch

A new Size O a.c. magnetic switch has been developed. Available for use with single-phase motors up to 1 hp., 110 volts, and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hp., 110 volts and 2 hp., 220-600 volts. Made in 2-, 3-, and 4-pole forms, it is available in general-purpose, dust-tight and water-tight cases. Also available with push-button or selector switch, in cover, for local operation. Magnet of switch is E-type with three sealing surfaces. Overload relay is completely enclosed and tamperproof. General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y.



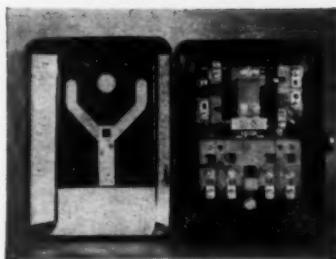
G.E. MAGNETIC SWITCH

## Reflector

The Ivanhoe coffer type reflector for the silvered bowl mazda lamp was designed for an installation having a low ceiling. Unit recesses in ceiling, provides broad distribution of light. It is of spun steel with inner reflecting surface of semi-matte white porcelain enamel. Socket for 500 watt lamp is held in standard 4-inch outlet box attached to reflector. There are eight holes in flange of reflector for mounting to ceiling. The Miller Co., Meriden, Conn.



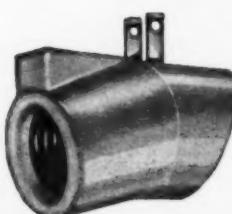
MILLER REFLECTOR



WESTINGHOUSE LINESTARTER

## Linestarter

A small, inexpensive across-the-line starter has been developed for ratings up to two hp., 220, 440 and 550 volts, two- and three-phase and equivalent ratings on single-phase. Used for across-the-line starting of squirrel-cage induction motors and as primary switches for wound-rotor induction motors. Available as plain starters or in combination with motor circuit switches and Nofuze circuit breakers in standard enclosures. Principal features include De-ion arc quenching and snap action bi-metal disc overload relay. Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co., East Pittsburgh, Pa.



NATIONAL ANGLE SOCKET

## Angle Socket

Angle socket No. 971-1 has been added to the "Plug-In" strip line. Factory-made 6-inch spacing guarantees uniformity and eliminates careful measurement. Lumiline, tubular and standard shaped lamps may be interchangeably used and lighting arrangements changed at will. Socket accommodates standard lamps from 15 to 100 watts. National Electric Products Corp., Fulton Building, Pittsburgh, Pa.



CONNECTICUT TELEPHONE SIGNAL BELL

## Electric Signal Bell

A new type of electric bell which can be attached to an outlet box to operate on the 110 volt circuit. For use as fire, burglar, sprinkler, vault and general signal alarm bell. Made for both a.c. and d.c. high and low voltage systems. Sizes range from 4 to 16 inches. It features completely enclosed air-sealed Alnico-magnet motor, simplified striking mechanism of one moving unit—the plunger, and a detachable back plate with a receptacle which can be mounted on any standard outlet box. The bell unit, can be plugged into this receptacle. The Connecticut Telephone & Electric Corp., Meriden, Conn.



SQUARE D AUTOMATIC STARTER

## Starter

New Size O, Type R, Class 8536 starter has been developed for smaller sizes of polyphase and single phase motors. Maximum polyphase ratings are 2 hp., 220, 440, 550 volts; maximum single phase ratings are 1 hp., 110 volts or  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hp., 220 volts. Has a vertically operating magnet, double break silver contacts and thermal overload relays. Available with general purpose, dust-tight, water-tight or Class II, Group G enclosures; also as combination starter with either disconnect switch or circuit breaker; also in reversing type. Square D Company, 6060 Rivard St., Detroit, Mich.

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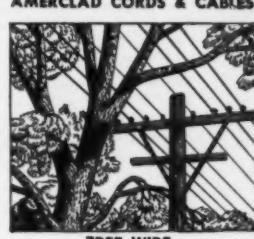
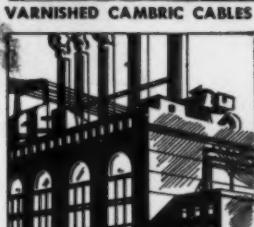
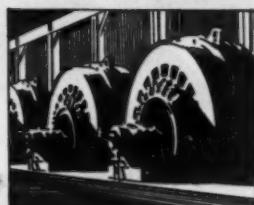
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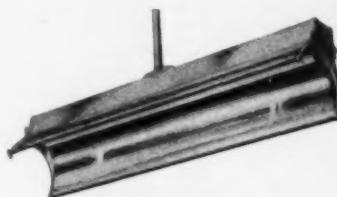
**GENERAL ELECTRIC**

## EQUIPMENT News

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### Fluorescent Lighting Unit

The "Knit-Master" fluorescent unit is designed for lighting the needle bar and work area of full-fashioned hosiery machines. It uses a 30 watt, 36-inch daylight fluorescent lamp in a special angle type reflector. Complete fixture consists of specular reflector, sockets, auxiliaries, hinged wiring channel and a flange for pipe mounting. Each unit has flanges for conduit suspension, as well as 1-in. knock-outs at each end of channel. Wheeler Reflector Co., 275 Congress St., Boston, Mass.



WHEELER LIGHTING UNIT

### Multi-Breaker

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HYGRADE LIGHTING UNIT

### Angle Adapter

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ANGLE ADAPTER

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IDEAL UNDERCUTTER

## Fluorescent Lighting Equipment

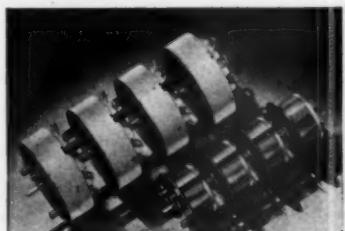
The knockout strip idea is now developed for fluorescent lumiline lamps, in wiring channel in which sockets, auxiliaries and capacitors and the trough reflector are installed. Its flexibility makes it possible to install either single lamps or runs of lamps in line to any length. Knockout strip No. KO-21 consists of two U-shaped members made of 20 gauge galvanized steel, finished in aluminum. Standard length of section is 9 feet  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches. Each section contains twenty knockouts and accommodates two sockets back to back. Pittsburgh Reflector Co., Oliver Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa.



PITTSBURGH LIGHTING UNIT

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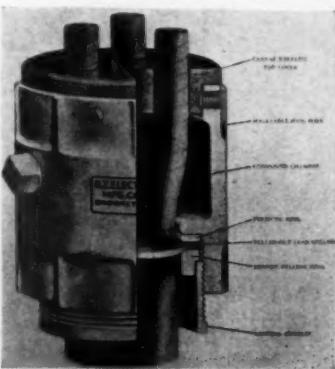
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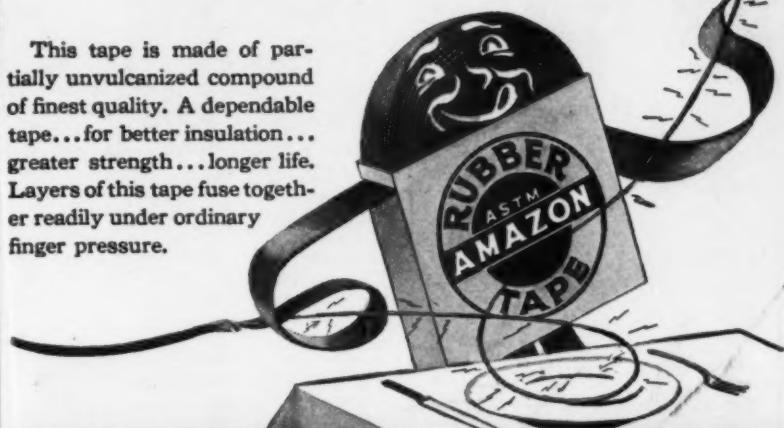
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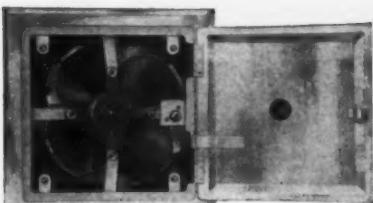
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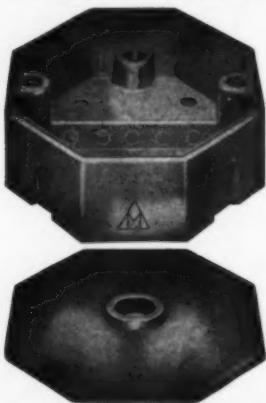
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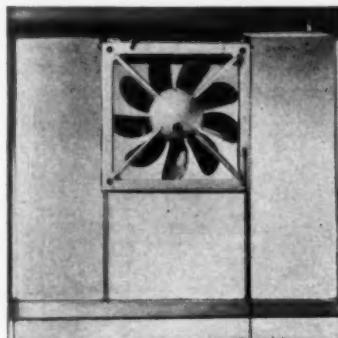
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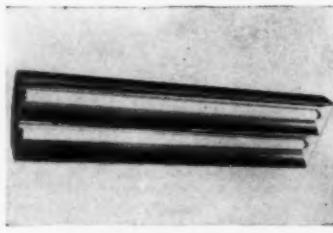
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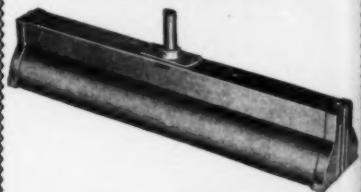
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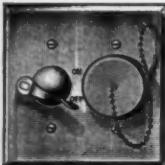


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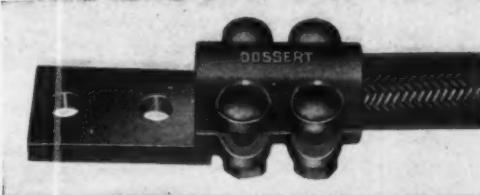
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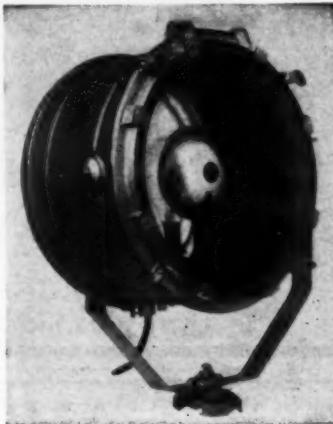
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### Searchlight

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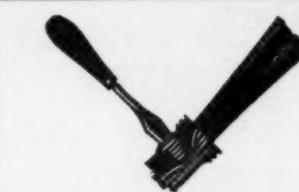
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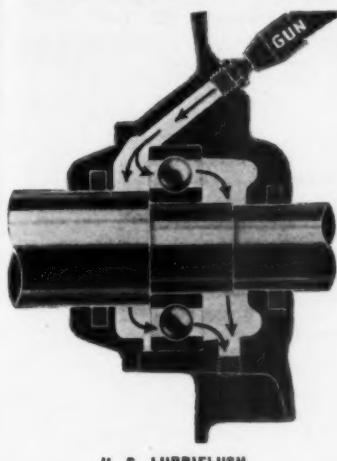
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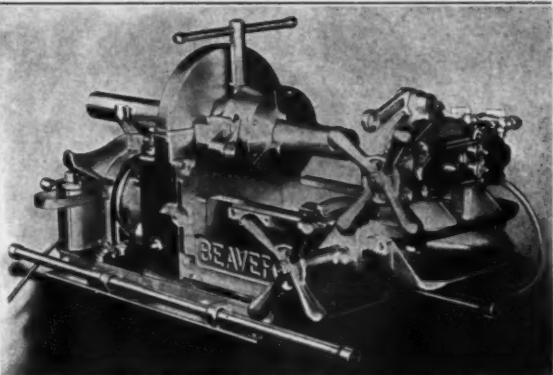
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# A Cost Comparison

## SQUARE D MULTI-BREAKER

### vs SWITCH AND FUSES

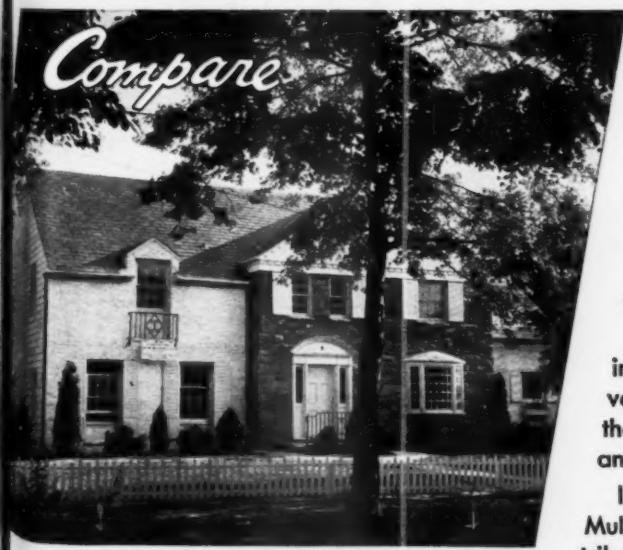


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# INSTALL GENERAL ELECTRIC HOME WIRING\*

*For Consumer Satisfaction*



#### IT'S ADAPTABLE

G-E Home Wiring\* is adaptable to all sizes and types of homes and other small buildings. It helps to assure electrical adequacy now and in the future.

\*G-E Radial Wiring System.

#### IT PROVIDES ADEQUACY

G-E Home Wiring\* is designed to meet modern needs for electricity in the home. It provides ample sized wire, plenty of outlets and the most efficient wiring layout possible. Current will always reach outlets at its rated voltage. Outlets are located wherever they may be needed. Switches are placed so that it will be possible to walk in a pathway of light. Lights will burn brightly and appliances will operate efficiently.

Install G-E Home Wiring\* in every home you wire. You will be doing a favor for your customers and yourself. Your customers will obtain truly adequate wiring. You will obtain larger wiring jobs. The use of G-E wiring materials enhances your reputation for dependable work because G-E materials give lasting, satisfactory service. For a G-E Home Wiring\* manual and for further information on G-E wiring materials see the nearest G-E Merchandise Distributor or write to Section CDW-9410, Appliance and Merchandise Department, General Electric Company, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

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